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Sumner Welles Denounces Tokyo Move as Threat To Philippines

Special to the "Telegraph"
WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—The Under Secretary of State, Mr Sumner Welles, has issued a sharp note denouncing the Japanese move in Indo-China as a threat to the United States defence supplies in the Philippines. Mr Welles told the press conference to-day that he had transmitted his views to Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador, when the latter visited the State Department yesterday, the text of which was as follows:

MOSCOW REPELS RAIDERS Third Blitz Night

MOSCOW, July 24 (Reuter).—The fiercest hail of fire yet heard from Moscow's anti-aircraft batteries met Nazi bombers approaching Moscow last night with the object of "blitzing" the Soviet capital for the third successive night. So effective was the gun-fire and co-operation between the anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights that once again only isolated planes broke through the city's outer defences to drop their bombs. One feature of the three raids on Moscow has been the number of searchlights which the Russians have been able to concentrate on small areas of the city. Moscow's fire-watchers and fire-fighters again did splendid work last night and this morning. All except a few small fires had been extinguished.

H.E. Bombs Used
MOSCOW, July 24 (UP).—Considerably more high explosive bombs rained down on Moscow last night than on Monday night when they were mainly incendiaries. The bombing appeared to be indiscriminate as the Soviet military kept the Germans at a respectable distance which resulted in inaccurate marksmanship. Many bombs obviously intended for important buildings fell on dwelling houses, in the streets, courtyards and squares.

Northern Sector
HELSINKI, July 24 (Reuter).—The enemy bombed the surroundings of Turku on Wednesday, according to a communique issued here to-day. The communique adds: "To-day they bombed the southwest parts of the country. Only small damage was done. An attempt to bomb Helsinki failed. Five enemy planes were destroyed."

DAILY DOSE BY R.A.F.

Cross Channel At Dawn
LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Since the early hours of this morning, people of the south-east coast have seen and heard many British planes crossing the Channel. The roar of their engines brought many people out of doors. Heavy explosions on the French side of the Channel were heard for some hours early to-day and the unmistakable noise of heavy artillery fire has also been heard. The attack which began at daylight has been continued at intervals for many hours. This afternoon a large formation of planes passed over Folkestone, heading out across the Straits and flying very high. **Tempo Increases**
FOLKESTONE, July 24 (UP).—The R.A.F. to-day stepped up the tempo of the offensive sweeps over northern France, making two more raids. After the midnight and dawn raids, the R.A.F. were over France at midday and again this afternoon. There were explosions in the Boulogne area. The Straits were surrounded by a dense haze but the explosions of bombs and the sounds of the anti-aircraft guns rocked the English side of the Channel.

ROOSEVELT REVEALS DRAMATIC "INSIDE STORY" APPEASEMENT POLICY BY THE U.S. HAS KEPT JAPAN OUT OF N.E.I.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO-DAY DECLARED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PERMITTING JAPAN TO PROCURE OIL HERE AS A MEASURE OF APPEASEMENT IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE WORLD WAR FROM SPREADING TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

The President told members of the Office of Civilian Defence that if the United States had not sold oil to Japan, Japan would have moved into the Dutch East Indies a year ago. "Our foreign policy was trying to halt the war from breaking out down there," he added. However, the President did not indicate whether or not this policy will be changed. President Roosevelt spoke extemporaneously and his text reflected the informality of his remarks. It is noteworthy that he used past tenses in referring to the foreign policy.

SELL-OUT BY VICHY

Recognising Japanese "Predominance"
"SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, July 24 (UP).—The Government spokesman to-day reaffirmed that the Franco-Japanese conversations continued this morning at Vichy and Hanol.

No agreement has yet been signed, but a basis has been established, as reported in the Paris press, whereby France is reaffirming her recognition of Japanese predominance in Asia which provides for military and technical advantage to enable Japan to "maintain order in the Far East." General Decoux and Sumita held a two-hour conversation at Hanol examining the details of Japan's strategic plan for the "temporary occupation of military positions."

Changkufeng Clash Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, July 25 (UP).—Colonel Akiyama, the Japanese Army spokesman, to-day officially denied that there has been a clash at Changkufeng. A Japanese Embassy spokesman claimed that he had not heard the reports of a Russo-Japanese clash at Changkufeng and added "I cannot believe it."

Enemy Convoy Smashed In Mediterranean Sea

CAIRO, July 24 (Reuter).—A particularly successful attack in which R.A.F. bombers and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm participated was carried out on an enemy convoy off the fortified Italian island of Pantellaria on Tuesday, states an R.A.F. Middle East communique. The convoy which consisted of four medium-sized merchant vessels, escorted by a number of destroyers, was first sighted and attacked by R.A.F. bombers. Two bombs were seen to hit a vessel of 7,000 tons and set it on fire. Two other bombs hit a vessel of 6,000 tons. A vessel of about 6,000 tons, apparently carrying munitions, was hit by three bombs and immediately blew up and disappeared below the water. Shortly afterwards, R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft reported that the 7,000-ton ship was submerged stern up and two destroyers were standing by picking up survivors. **Followed Up**
Later in the day, R.A.F. and Air Arm aircraft followed up the attack on the convoy which then consisted of one 7,000-ton tanker and one other merchant ship. Two torpedoes hit the tanker which became a total loss. Another torpedo hit an escorting destroyer, doing severe damage to its stern. Heavy bombers again attacked Pantellaria on the night of July 22-23, causing a number of explosions on the moles. The harbour was also attacked on the previous night with similar results. All British aircraft returned safely.

Censorship In U.S.

Request By The Navy
"SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—The Navy Department will ask Congress shortly for legislation authorising the establishment of an office for the international censorship of outgoing cables. In the testimony made public to-day, Rear-Admiral Ben Moreell, Chief of the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks told the House Appropriations Committee, that the President's proclamation of an unlimited emergency "necessitates the establishment by the Navy Department of offices for national censorship in some Naval Districts."

AIR EPIC FROM SOVIET FRONT

MOSCOW, July 24 (Reuter).—The latest Soviet air hero is Sergeant Pilot Tomlin, who, single-handed, tackled ten German planes. Eight Nazi JU88 bombers, escorted by two Messerschmitt fighters, were approaching a Soviet aerodrome. Tomlin flew into battle. He poured machine-gun bullets into the Nazi bombers. One of the Messerschmitts and all the bombers fled. Tomlin desperately hung on to the tail of the remaining Messerschmitt, getting nearer and nearer. In despair the Nazi pilot turned his plane over and it fell to the ground.

SOVIET AND DUTCH E. I.

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, this afternoon called on the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, to discuss certain economic questions.



Direct Hit On Scharnhorst In Battleship's New Hide-Out

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Extensive and successful operations against the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are announced by the Air Ministry. The communique says: During the last twenty-four hours extensive operations have been undertaken by the Bomber Command against the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

Eastern Front War Hungarians & Soviets

Heavy Fighting Reported
VICHY, July 24 (Reuter).—A big advance on the eastern front by Hungarian forces is claimed in the latest Hungarian communique quoted in a Budapest telegram. The communique says: "During the last few days, our troops have advanced several hundred kilometres eastwards amid constant fighting with the Soviet rearwards. Heavy fighting took place on the River Bug. Our shock troops fought with success, notably on July 22 against the enemy who held his ground and resisted strenuously. The enemy sustained big losses in dead and wounded."

JAPANESE WARSHIPS SIGHTED

SAIGON, July 24 (Reuter).—Japanese warships are reported off Cap Saint Jacques.

DUTCH AVIATORS FOR ENGLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, July 24 (UP).—Thirty-five Dutch fliers who are en route to England after completing a training course in Java arrived here to-day aboard the Dutch steamer Tabla.

Peru-Ecuador Fighting Is Resumed

LIMA, July 24 (Reuter).—All day fighting in the disputed Peruvian-Ecuadorian frontier zone is reported in a communique issued to-day by the Peruvian Foreign Office. The battle which began yesterday morning in front of the Peruvian posts of Argua, Verdes, Paitos and Matucana continued all day, states the communique. "Fighting was especially bitter in Argua, Verdes and Las Palmas sectors. The Ecuadorians were repulsed, the Peruvians forcing them to retire and destroying their gun emplacements."

Tobruk Harasses Besiegers

CAIRO, July 24 (Reuter).—Heavy dust storms at Tobruk yesterday caused a temporary lull in British offensive patrolling activities in Libya, according to to-day's Middle East communique. It adds: "In the frontier area, however, advanced elements of our mechanised units were again aggressive, ejecting the enemy from several observation points. "Units of our artillery co-operated with effective fire upon retreating enemy patrols." The communique reports that all is quiet in Abyssinia and Syria.

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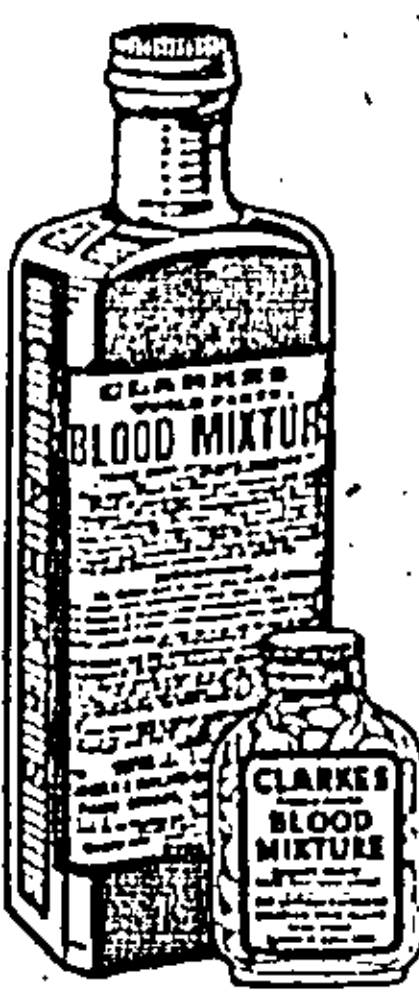
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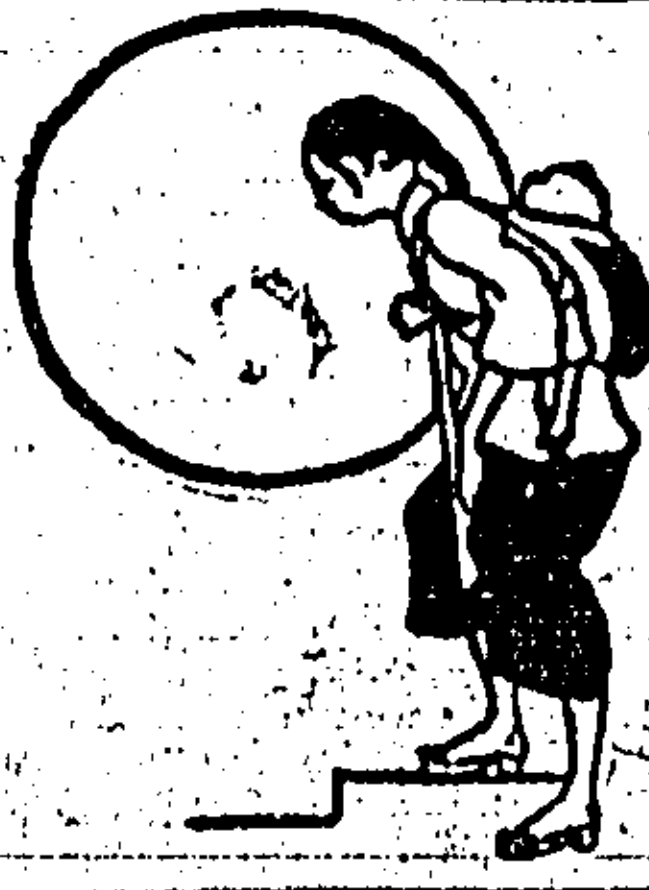
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OZORIO.—On July 25, 1941, at 289 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, Jose Carlos (Josie) aged 6, dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs. F. M. Ozorio. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. No flowers by request.

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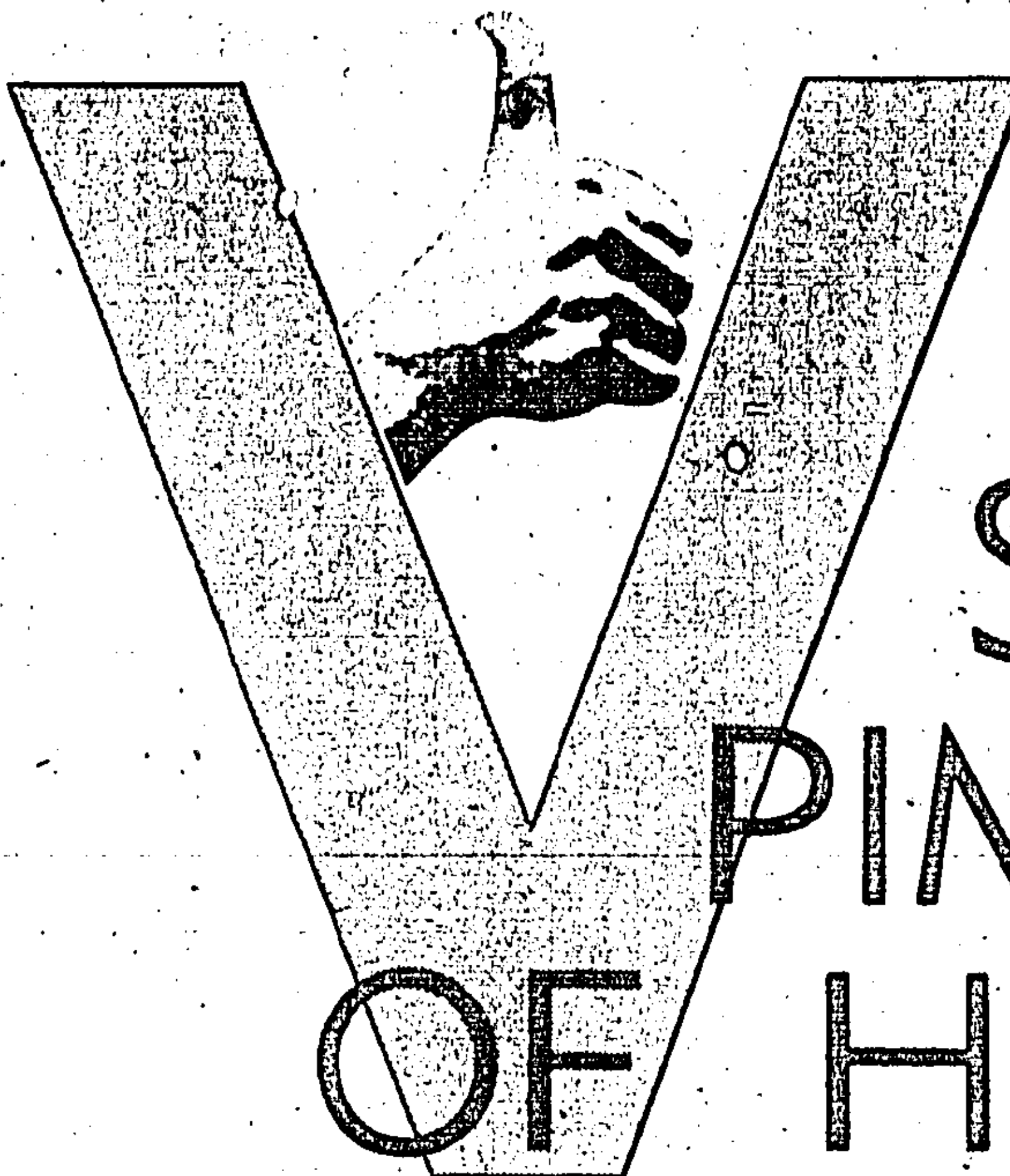
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JAPAN MOVES AGAIN

IN yesterday's maze of reports on the Far East situation ranging from Vichy complacency, Japanese ingratiation, Chinese anxiety, British conjecture and veiled American threats the most surprising was that of the "Reuter" diplomatic correspondent who issued from London one of those effusions so characteristic of Munich days. In essence he says that there is no threat to Britain in Japanese acquisition (for the complete occupation of the country by troops can mean no less) of Indo-China; from what the Japanese have so far announced of their intentions there is nothing to fear although not only Britain but all the Dominions will "watch the situation very closely."

The Japanese Consul General in Singapore was so emphatic of the Japanese "peace move" that he forgot to point out that such purity of motive could easily have withstood the light of previous publicity and might conceivably have had Anglo-American approval if a procedure had been adopted bearing fewer marks of the Hitlerian doctrine of fear, compulsion and disregard of the pledged word.

All this can be said of the ethical considerations. As for the practical side there is no doubt that Japan courts our animosity by putting out such stories as a British threat to Indo-China. Whether her wild and woolly ambitions with regard to the New Order in Asia have been cast in a definite mould yet is still uncertain but British defence preparations in Malaya, the unprepared state of Camranh Bay and the fast-building volunteer air force being gathered in Free China will weigh heavily against any more aggressive designs. The economic weapon too can be wielded heavily by all democratic interests in the Far East. If Japan's real desire is to restore peace in the Far East there are so many obvious ways of going about it that will really be effective, that it would require a book and not merely this column to enumerate them.



SCARLET PIMPERNEL OF HOLLAND

By **GEORGE SLOCOMBE**

TO-DAY, a little over a year after the treacherous Nazi invasion of the Low Countries, an unknown Dutchman has taken up the challenge to Germany where France's greatest soldier abandoned it.

This unknown Dutchman, as if in silent reproach to the once-glorious Marshal Petain, 'author of the immortal phrase, "They shall not pass!" is called by his followers "Colonel Verdun."

His real name is unknown. Whether he fought at Verdun—and it is possible, since there were Dutchmen in the French Foreign Legion who fought there—is also not known. He may be a soldier or a civilian.

From his unconventional methods, it is clear that he is no blind adherent to the classical precepts of warfare. But this man, from his secret headquarters somewhere on the banks of the Maas, is now directing the most brilliant, desperate, and successful war against the legions of armed Germans in Holland.

HIS exploits recall those of the famous "Beggars of the Sea," who in the sixteenth century harried and harassed the Spanish soldiers of Philip II., and with their flotilla of small boats burned enemy shipping, slaughtered enemy garrisons, and finally in three months besieged and captured every Spanish port in the Netherlands save Amsterdam.

QUEEN WILHELMINA, in a recent broadcast from BBC, said:—

"In the Netherlands my people have found ways to hamper the invader—ways of which I cannot tell you here, but of which daily I have fresh evidence.
"Hitler has succeeded in invading Dutch territory; he has never succeeded in invading the Dutch spirit."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Stop showing off you're in the Army, Phil—those potatoes have been peeled properly!"

News dispatches in the past week have told of the spontaneous and widespread display of the "V" sign for Victory in the occupied countries in Europe. As the symbol of the forces which are at work to free the overrun populations, it is one of Hitler's biggest headaches. Read below of Dutch patriotic resistance, and the work of the

German army of occupation impossible by all imaginable means.

THE methods imagined range from the crudest to the subtlest, but all have the implacable intention of exterminating the enemy. German soldiers are killed in ambush or are pushed after nightfall into the many convenient Dutch canals. Railway tracks, roads and bridges are destroyed.

A German munition train bound from the Krupp works at Essen to a destination on the Dutch coast was mined and blown up. Near Rotterdam a merchant vessel completed under Nazi orders was launched, only to capsize immediately. Factories on war work are sabotaged. At Arnhem stores of German weapons were broken into and plundered.

And against the German soldier individually and collectively the powerful, silent weapon of social ostracism, contempt, and boycott is exerted without ceasing.

The same condemned school teacher declared: "We are not so much a terror organisation as an organisation ready to assist the British when they land in Holland." Forty-two other members were tried. Eighteen were sentenced to death and 19 to long prison terms. All denied any knowledge of their leaders.

DURING the trial it was revealed by the German prosecutors that information had been systematically collected for the use of the Royal Air Force. Details of German military movements, troops and arms concentrations had been communicated by members of the organisation.

The prosecuting counsel also alleged that German soldiers had been killed by poisoned pencils, drawing pins, and drinks.

I AM told that "Colonel Verdun" and his followers are neither Socialists nor Communists. Most of them appear to be middle-class intellectuals. They are clearly men of the highest courage and patriotism, who are well versed in the history of their country's long struggle against the Spaniards.

Their mysterious leader, by his intimate knowledge of German mentality and of the inner councils of the Nazi leaders, recalls the powerful intelligence and far-seeing patience of the great William the Silent, whose agents regularly intercepted and decoded the secret correspondence between the Spanish regents in the Netherlands and the Ministers of Philip II.

"Colonel Verdun" is evidently destined to play an even more influential role in the second year of Nazi occupation.

His organisation is, in fact, the spearhead of the future British invasion of the enemy occupied territories.

If the war is ever to be carried into Germany itself, it can only be by the resolute aid and courage of the populations of the Low Countries. Their task is to greet the arriving and to code, the gen-speed the parting (and unwanted) oral character guest.

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of which was explained to me, but may not be revealed here.

At a mass trial of members of the organisation held recently at the High Court of Justice at The Hague, a 48-year-old Dutch teacher who was condemned to death admitted only that the Guernica of the Nazi invasion of Holland. It was one of the most ancient and picturesque of the Dutch cities, and it was, although of no military importance and non-resistant, almost completely razed to the ground.

This the Dutch will never forget, and make the life of never-forgive.

U.S. READY TO TAKE SWIFT ACTION IF JAPAN'S MOVE BECOMES THREAT

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—United States authorities are awaiting reports regarding the extent, nature and purpose of the Japanese ultimatum to Indo-China before placing in effect any economic counter-measures. There is every indication in Government quarters that these economic reprisals will come swiftly once the nature of the Japanese move is determined. There is no hint, however, that the Japanese occupation will bring about an armed clash with the United States.

How We Bluffed Italians And Kept Sudan Intact

KHARTOUM, July 24 (Reuter).—The story can now be told of how only 2,000 trained troops or a man and half per mile of frontier stood between Italy's huge East African army and the valuable prize of Sudan when Italy entered the war last year.

Skilful bluffing, coupled with some inherent weakness on the part of the Italians, succeeded in preventing the Italians from making an advance on Sudan when it lay within their grasp.

A small force of British troops, by marching and counter-marching and by daring raids into enemy country, succeeded in creating a definite impression upon the Italian General Staff that the latter were opposed by 15,000 trained troops as shown by captured documents.

The Italian spread built up this impression upon the Italian mind so that the great Italian army of nearly 250,000 men contented itself with timid raids.

Kassala Instance
One captured document shows that when the Italians attacked Kassala, which was defended by only 200 men, their operation maps pictured a whole series of non-existent British battalions and batteries.

Italian agents found it very difficult to cross into Sudan. From loyal border tribes (called by Rudyard Kipling "Fuzzy Wuzzies") bands were organized to police the marches. They quickly picked out spies and handed them over to the authorities. The Italians were thus unable to pierce the screen of British defences and themselves remained on the defensive until the arrival of Indian troops enabled the British to take the offensive.

Turks Shoot Nazi Down

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—After repeated warnings, Turkish anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and shot down a German plane which flew over the fortifications on the border of Eastern Thrace, says an Istanbul dispatch to the Independent French Agency.

The German plane fell into the Black Sea, all members of the crew being killed.

Eire Bombed

DUBLIN, July 24 (Reuter).—Bombs dropped from "unidentified" planes were reported in a statement issued by the Eireann Government Information Bureau this afternoon, which states: "About 1.20 a.m. to-day, a number of bombs were dropped by unidentified aircraft in the vicinity of Dundalk, County Louth. There were no casualties and only minor damage was reported."

WATER-POLO TOURNAMENT

"Y" Trounce 5th A.A.
THREE MATCHES in the water-polo tournament were held last night. In the Navy pool Navy B were unable to turn out a team against 36th R.A. but Navy A came to the rescue and filled in the gap, beating Gunners 5-1. Parry (2), Half-yard, Cullum and Hoare scored for the sailors and Tuckley for the Gunners.

In Army Pool
In the Army pool Y.M.C.A. beat 5th A.A. 7-1 in a very strenuous game. The Gunners fully extended the Civilian and should have scored on several occasions but hesitation in front of goal cost them points. C. Goldman (3), A. F. May (2), P. Wilson and L. A. Benn scored for Y.M.C.A. and MacAlister for A.C.A.

LEAGUE FOR HOCKEY ON SKATES

A meeting to arrange a hockey tournament on skates was held yesterday when it was decided to start the competition on August 4. Prizes and medals will be distributed to the winners. The Blitz Skating Club has entered a team, composed of Army players, the only Army team in the League. Cyclone Sports Club, well-known in Scotland, has also entered a team. The following are the fixtures for the first week:
August 4.—Blitz v Kowloon B, Hongkong A v Hongkong B, Empress v Kowloon B.
August 6.—China v Philwood Buccaneers, King's v Cyclone.

Admiral's Wife Freed After Trial

Charged Under Official Secrets Act

Mrs. Christabel Sybil Caroline Nicholson, a 50-year-old doctor and wife of a British admiral, was found not guilty at the Old Bailey recently in an indictment charging her with committing offences under the Official Secrets Act.

It was alleged that she obtained and recorded information which might be directly or indirectly useful to an enemy. She pleaded not guilty.

Dr Nicholson was committed from Bow-street police court two months ago, but according to the prison calendar she had been detained in custody since May last year.

Five-day Trial
The Solicitor-General, Sir William Jowitt, K.C., and Mr. G. B. McClure were for the prosecution, and Dr Nicholson was defended by Sir Patrick Hastings, K.C., and Mr. Derek Curtis-Bennett.

Her trial before Mr. Justice Levis lasted five days and was held in camera. There was a jury of 12, including two women.

Only court officials, police, witnesses, counsel, admiral and sheriffs of the City and the shorthand writers engaged in the case were allowed in court.

DIRECT HIT ON SCHARNHORST

FROM PAGE ONE

Scharnhorst at La Pallice. The attack on Hrest was supported by squadrons of fighters.

At the same time squadrons of Blenheim escorted by fighters were attacking the port of Cherbourg.

Preliminary Reports
The preliminary reports of the operations last night and to-day indicate that these attacks were successful, several direct hits having been scored on the battleships and heavy damage done to the docks at Brest. This afternoon a Blenheim aircraft of the Coastal Command escorted by fighters bombed the railway yards at Hazebrucq in northern France.

Fighter escorts taking part in these operations have had many combats with enemy fighters. In these, twelve enemy fighters have been destroyed for the loss of six of ours.

Pierce Fires
LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Releasing a cargo of high explosive and incendiary bombs that caused fierce fires in railway yards at Hazebrucq, Northern France, this afternoon, Blenheim bombers of the Coastal Command completed their attack in three minutes, states the Air Ministry.

It was the first time that Coastal Command bombers had taken part in sweeps over France and their fighting escort guarded them so well that they made the attack with the precision of bombing practice, signalling the letter "V" in Morse as they neared their target.

One of the Blenheim pilots said that the work of the escorting fighters was grand and that not a single German fighter got anywhere near them.

Industrial Targets
LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Industrial objectives in cities in France and Mannheim were again attacked by aircraft of the Bomber Command last night, says the Air Ministry.

Particularly large fires were seen in Mannheim. Docks at Le Havre and Ostend were also bombed.

Aircraft of the Coastal Command on patrol off the Norwegian coast set an enemy supply ship afire and destroyed an enemy fighter.

No aircraft is missing from these operations.

It is now known that the enemy lost two bombers in raids on this country last night.

Early this morning another enemy bomber was shot down in the Isle of Wight by A.A. gun-fire.

Wavell In Chungking, Report Denied
LONDON, July 24 (UP).—The reported arrival of General Sir Archibald Wavell at Chungking has been officially denied.

Whatever step the United States may take in reacting to the new situation is being weighed cautiously. The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Walter George, predicted that there would be no precipitous move. He advocated a purely United States policy in the Far East and no joint Anglo-American action unless it be to American interests.

Mr. Welles, the Under Secretary of State, emphasised to-day that there was no truth in the recurrent reports that Britain and America would confront Japan with a united course of action involving both economic and military measures. Mr. Welles will meet the Australian Minister, Mr. Richard Casey late to-day, presumably to get the latter's views on Far Eastern developments.

Conflicting Views
LONDON, July 24 (UP).—The apparently conflicting views in three British authoritative circles regarding Japan's action in Indo-China day left newsmen bewildered regarding Britain's real attitude.

An authoritative military commentator stated that the Japanese move is not a military threat against Singapore. A political commentator asserted that "Britain is greatly concerned by these events," while a naval reviewer stated "Japan's action cannot be considered a defensive measure."

While expressing Britain's grave concern, one authoritative political commentator directed his main attack against Vichy, saying, "there appears to be a future in Vichy's collaboration with the Axis that France should abstain from any steps to defend her Empire against encroachments by the Axis powers."

No Limit To Humiliation
There seems to be no limit to the humiliation which Vichy is prepared to suffer in pursuit of this policy. There is no reason to doubt the receding of Japanese pressure on Vichy with a view to forcing concessions in Indo-China.

"The developments did not take Britain by surprise. The statement of the Vichy spokesman suggests that Vichy quite enjoyed the prospect of accepting Japanese 'protection' against an entirely imaginary British intention of aggression."

"Britain is in close consultation with the United States and her Dominions. We are all watching the situation very closely and exchanging information regarding it."

Soviet Capital Safe Till End Of August

A Neutral Prophecy

STOCKHOLM, July 24 (Reuter).—"If the slow rate of the German advance continues, Hitler may not get to Moscow before the end of August," writes the "South Tidning" to-day, quoting statements made by the Germans.

Much of Russia would then remain to be conquered, adds the newspaper.

According to German statements, the rate of progress of the German advance during the last 20 days is only half that achieved in the previous ten days.

Confusing Announcement
News of the operations is confusing but perhaps the situation is also confusing. Propagandists, says the newspaper, announce the arrival of German mechanised troops at a certain place, but consolidation by support troops is necessary before a capture can be claimed by the official communiqué while the Russians behind the advance German troops hold up the support troops.

Kiev Still Held
For instance, Kiev was probably reached by some armoured units when this was announced by the Germans. Afterwards larger German units, probably with much loss, forced their way to Kiev which may be encircled now. Although the encirclement of Kiev was announced a week ago, it is not yet in German hands.

Similarly the promised giant German sweep from south and north against Leningrad has not materialised, probably because the Russian defence is not so disorganised as the Germans suggest.

Ukraine Unprofitable
Even when the Germans have taken Kiev, they will be merely on the edge of the Ukrainian granary. Until they possess Charkov and its regions, the Germans are hardly likely to derive any real benefit from the resources of the Ukraine and they are a long way yet from Charkov.

Funds For America's Fighting Forces

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—The House to-day received the \$5,000,235,478 supplemental defence appropriation bill carrying funds for supplying the Army with material for a 3,000,000 strong fighting force and 641 new merchant ships. It also carries funds to expand the Navy's personnel from 255,000 to 369,000 officers and men.

Britain Touching Bottom Of Man-Power Reservoir

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Another three million men and women are to be registered for industrial and national service in Great Britain between August 2 and December 6.

The Ministry of Labour and National Service to-day announced that in addition to the women born in the years 1900 to 1916, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, has had to register, under the Registration for Employment Order, men born in 1895, 1896 and 1897.

It is understood that the urgency for additional manpower for both the forces and munition works is such that it may be necessary in the near future again to revise the schedule of reserved occupations and to raise the age of reservation in some groups.

Men up to the age of 50 and women up to 40 will come under the registration scheme early next year. Much more drastic concentration of industry and cutting down of less essential employment may be resorted to in order to push the nation's war effort to the greatest possible momentum.

Nearly 505,000 men were registered in the 1895, 1896 and 1900 classes. About 100,000 have so far been selected for interview and about 40,000, already on work of national importance, are now available for transfer to more urgent work.

Inadequate Results
The Ministry states that these results, although reflecting the willingness of men to play their part, are wholly inadequate when judged in relation to the total demands. "Much more drastic action may be necessary, and men in age groups beyond those mentioned are likely to have to register."

It will be essential for employers throughout industry to be prepared to substitute female for male labour. The stage in manpower requirements has been reached where the country can no longer afford men to do jobs that can be done by women.

Nor can their services be spared for work that is not essential to the war effort or to civil life and the well-being of the community.

In addition to replacing men in industry, hundreds of thousands of women are required for the various Women's Auxiliary Services.

Willkie For Action

Republican Leader's Warning To Japan

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (Reuter).—Declaring that the defence of freedom "must be a positive thing," Mr. Wendell Willkie, speaking at San Francisco to-night, said: "Hitler has challenged our freedom. We cannot wait in a corner for him to strike at us. We must step forth boldly to throw Hitler off his guard—to bewilder him. We must force him to take the count."

Mr. Willkie pointed out that positive defence involves great sacrifices. He called for aid to China to divert the energies of Japan and for doubling and redoubling American aid to Britain.

Additional Bases
Additional air and naval bases should be acquired to protect the North Atlantic supply lines and ship and airplane courses in the South Atlantic should be guarded in order to prevent German moves through Spain and Portugal, Mr. Willkie said.

"Totalitarianism thus surrounded and the Nazi flood having reached its limit it will begin to recede. History proves that such forces survive only in expansion."

Netherlands Look To Defences

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—The Dutch East Indies, whose oil may be one of the prizes sought by the Japanese in their threatened southward expansion, are taking no chances.

Throughout the archipelago all points of military importance, including oil fields and harbours, have been closed to foreigners and placed under guard, says a Batavia dispatch to the Free Dutch newspaper "Vrij Nederland," published in London.

The Home Guard is to be concentrated for the protection of oil fields. Thousands of women have been registered for war service.

Six hundred thousand natives will be called up under the conscription plan this year.

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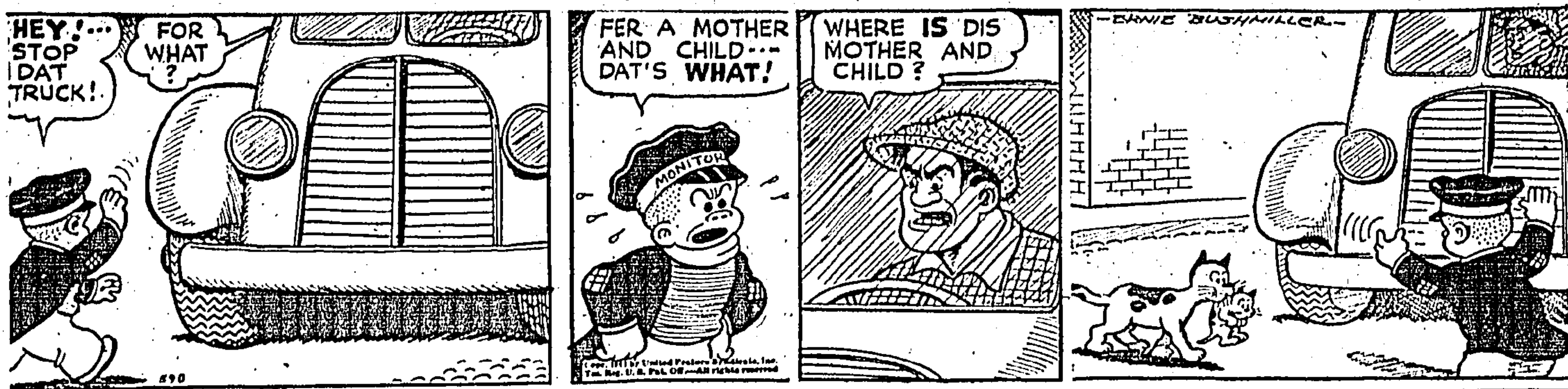
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Ships Being Altered To Carry More Cargo

THE decision has been taken by the Ministry of Shipping after consultations with the registration societies to reduce somewhat the freeboard of "open" shelter-deck vessels, subject to safeguards, which include the closing of the shelter deck, in order to allow additional cargo to be carried, states the London "Times" Shipping Correspondent.

The decision to close the shelter decks of these vessels and to have the load lines reassigned (referred to in a recent question and answer in Parliament) it is stated, will apply only where the resulting increase in draught is warranted by the condition of the ship's structure, and will not be prejudicial to the seaworthiness of the ship.

The freeboard is the portion of the side of the vessel above the water, and is measured by the distance from the deck to the freeboard mark or load line. This mark, therefore, will be raised. Shelter-deck vessels are exceptional in that they have a complete superstructure extending the whole length of the ship, the height of which is generally 8 ft. or more above the main deck, even with the maximum reduction of freeboard contemplated the main deck will still be above the water line and the freeboard measured from the shelter deck will generally be some 9ft or more.

This decision to raise the load line and so allow rather deeper loading has been taken, after very careful consideration, as a war-time measure. Due regard will be paid in each case to the probable effect of increased draught on the speed of the ship.

The increase in draught allowed under the scheme will not in any case exceed 12 in., and the increased draught will be used with discretion in exceptional trades and under exceptional conditions.

Greater Effort

It is right that the development should be widely known, since the change indicates the extreme importance of making the utmost use of all serviceable tonnage at the present time and the need to expedite to the fullest extent possible merchant shipbuilding in this country, in the British Dominions, and also in the United States, which is showing great determination to reinforce largely the shipping available to the Allies.

When sailors, already subject to much stress and strain, willingly accept harder conditions of life at sea, workers in the shipyards and at the ports should be stimulated to increase their efforts to augment the supply of new shipping and to enable ships in port to be turned round in the shortest time practicable.

The load line is being raised solely in the national interest. No advantage to shipowners could accrue from the larger amount of cargo which will be practicable to carry under the new ruling, as they are remunerated entirely by monthly rates of hire for the use of their ships.

War's Most Remarkable Escape

A German plane was bombing an aerodrome in England. Anti-aircraft fire was accurate. It slashed clean through the fuselage near the tail, cutting the plane in two.

Down dived the tail. Down, too, dived the main part of the plane, nose first, deep into the tarmac.

As its bomb load exploded there was a tremendous explosion. R.A.F. and W.A.F. ran from their trench shelters, found only fragments left of the forepart of the plane and its dead crew.

But a few yards away was the tail intact and in it was the rear gunner, a little bruised, a lot bewildered.

It is concluded that as the tail shot downwards to what seemed certain death, the bombs in the forepart of the plane exploded. The blast burst upwards, caught the descending tail, braked its fall, so that in its last few yards of descent it was held almost to a standstill. It touched earth at a mere four or five miles an hour.

1942 Allied Building May Exceed Rate of Sinkings

If present plans mapped out by U.S. defence experts are carried out, the combined British and American shipbuilding in 1942 will exceed the present rate of sinkings, recent reports from Washington pointed out. It is likewise significantly indicated that under the present programme construction would not equal losses until 1943.

Present plans for a 2,000,000-ton increase in the emergency ship construction programme and further expansion of shipbuilding facilities would add about 250 ships to the fleet being built for Britain, most of which would be delivered in 1942, it was reported.

Recently the maritime commission acquired a substantial number of ships from private operators to be used as naval auxiliaries. In all, the commission is expected to acquire about 500,000 tons of shipping for the navy. First of the vessels turned over was the American, pride of the commission's new fleet, a 20,000-ton passenger ship launched last year.

With the addition of these new ships, the maritime commission would have under contract 970 merchant ships of all types, or over 10,000,000 tons deadweight. For almost all of the additional vessels, new shipbuilding facilities will be needed, maritime officials indicated.

It was pointed out that this may mean construction of one or more entirely new yards by the Defense Plant Corporation, and that these yards will probably be located on the eastern seaboard where they could be quickly delivered to Britain and where they could draw larger supplies of labour. To carry the expanded programme, 50 new shipways may be needed, it was said.

The maritime commission, it was indicated, may lease to Britain the new ships being launched at the rate of one every five days under the long range programme, although ordinarily these ships are understood to be available to the fleets of American companies.

For the present, however, there is understood to be no plans to buy or requisition American-owned merchant ships to be leased to Britain. The commission is reported completing plans for turning over the foreign-flag ships in American harbours and American merchantmen will be used for the pooling operations outside of the war zones until it is evident that this tonnage will not be enough. Under the pooling programme these vessels are operated by their owners and do not come under British control.

Hospital Is Safest In Air Blitzes

Precautions Taken To Meet Raiding

Hospitals, targets to Nazi bombs though they have been, are safer than most places in a blitz, according to Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health.

"I believe that because of the very elaborate precautions taken to meet the conditions of heavy raiding, the risk is less than outside hospitals," he said.

He gave figures to support his view. Of 60,000 patients who have passed through the 400 London hospitals and institutions since September, only 235 have been killed and 195 injured—most of them slightly. In the provinces the position was much the same as in London, he said.

Total Casualties

Mr. Brown disclosed that up to the end of March nearly 29,000 people throughout Britain had been killed by bombing and about 40,000 injured. Then Mr. Brown dealt with the medical and nursing staffs of the blitzed hospitals and produced this wonderful tribute to Britain's nurses: Not a single nurse has fallen down on her job.

Of 5,000 nurses who stayed in London, 40 have died and 124 have been injured at their posts. Three doctors have been killed and eight injured.

Other air-raid facts and figures given by Mr. Brown were:

Fifty per cent. of air-raid casualties need operations. No hospital was overwhelmed, even on the night of London's heaviest raid, thanks to the system of switching. All casualties were dealt with inside 12 hours, and by late afternoon of the next day 75 per cent. had been moved to the country.

"Black Market" For Diamonds Springs Up In London

A "black market" in polished diamonds has sprung up in London. The customers are wealthy, nervous people, who are locking up their resources in precious stones until after the war; and experts estimate that this market is handling diamonds worth more than £100,000 every week.

The diamond industry is dead against this new development. "Black market" demands have caused a serious raid on the previously small number of expert workers in what is a new industry for Britain.

A year ago, when Holland and Belgium were being over-run by the Nazis, groups of skilled diamond workers from Amsterdam and Antwerp—traditional centres of the craft—were persuaded to go to Britain to help in forming a diamond polishing industry.

Now about 3,000 skilled workers are employed. They are working for men who are developing an export trade in cut diamonds, mainly with the United States.

These experts naturally help Britain to accumulate dollars to pay for war materials.

"Tempted"

Many of the expert workers, who earned about £5 a week on the Con-

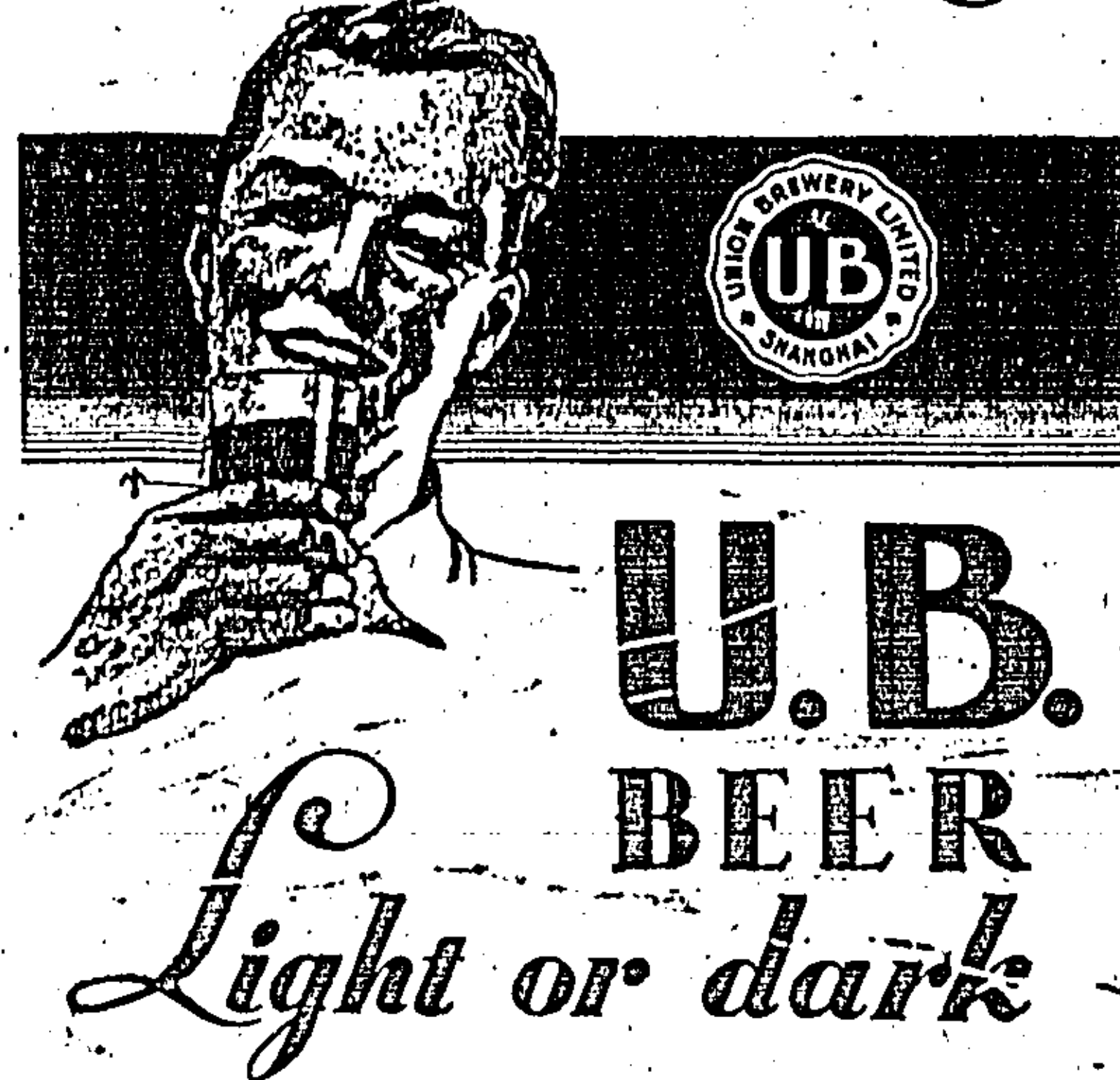
tinued before the war, are now paid from £11 to £14 a week.

Since the secret market for diamonds has developed in London, however, people entering for this trade have raided the provincial centres where the foreign experts are employed, tempting them south with offers of between £18 and £25 a week.

Provincial diamond dealers say that the "black market" traders can pay these sums because the diamonds, when polished, are sold at twice pre-war prices to customers who know little about "precious stones."

So it is the customers eager to secure diamonds who really pays. The industry is now considering combination to stop poaching of skilled craftsmen.

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Huge Free French Army In African Colonies

NEW YORK.—The French Cameroons and Equatorial Africa have recruited 250,000 white and native troops for the French forces of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, according to Albert Graviou and George Richoux, French mining engineers who arrived here recently.

All white men under 35 in the Cameroons are now subject to conscription, they said, but thousands of deserters from the regular French Army also had now joined the de Gaulle movement, which has headquarters at Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa. The temper of the latter was such, Mr. Graviou said, that they would resist even Vichy Government troops led by Gen. Maxime Weygand.

The two Frenchmen are here to purchase equipment for the Compagnie de Mines Africaines in Yaounde and said that production of the tin and gold mines in Free French territory was being pressed in the expectancy that with average summer heat of 120 degrees in the shade, no Axis penetration attempt would come there before fall.

Short Of Tanks

Tanks and airplanes were the prevailing lack in arms equipment for the de Gaulle forces, they added.

Simultaneously, a report from continental France was brought by Howard E. Kershner, European Relief Director for the American Friends Service Committee, just returned here by Atlantic Clipper. It was a description of desperate food lacks so general, according to Mr. Kershner, that the only remedy he could suggest was "the end of the war." Intense efforts of several American relief organizations in Unoccupied France were confronted with a situation that found "starvation, want, and destitution rampant," he reported. The Friends Service, Mr. Kershner said, is now providing a meal a day for 50,000 French children and contributing to the nourishment of 180,000 others and 10,000 babies. It could feed 1,000,000 children and more if it had the money, he continued, since as much food as could be paid for was still obtainable in France, French Colonies and Switzerland.

Swam Ashore To Join de Gaulle

When the French liner Santay, which was recently intercepted by a British cruiser, anchored in Durban more than 40 members of the crew dived overboard and swam ashore to join Gen. de Gaulle's Free French Forces. One man, who could not swim, was rescued by a police launch.

All the men are now enjoying the hospitality of the South African Government until arrangements for their passages to Europe have been completed.

The ship carried more than 400 passengers, several of whom were seriously ill and were taken to hospital. Most of the passengers were Government officials and their families, who had been in Indo-China for nearly 25 years.

Foreign Law Courts In Britain

To Have Own Judges And Staffs

Under a bill formally presented in the House of Commons by Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Home Secretary, foreign law courts will be established in Britain.

The various Governments domiciled in London, such as the Norwegian, Dutch and Polish, will have power to try their own nationals according to their own national law in courts presided over by their own judges and staffed by their own officials.

There is believed to be no precedent for the granting of such powers to foreign Governments.

Called the Allied Powers Maritime Courts Bill, the measure is officially described as making "temporary provision for enabling Allied and Associated Powers to establish courts for the trial and punishment of certain offences committed by persons other than British subjects."

For Discipline

The bill will also provide for the trial and punishment by British courts of similar offences committed by British subjects.

One of the objects of the bill will be to enforce discipline on foreign ships. Deserters, sailors refusing to obey orders and other offenders on such ships will come before a court of their own country. British subjects committing offences on foreign ships will be tried by British courts.

Robert Boothby Joins R.A.F.

Mr. Robert Boothby, M.P., has joined the R.A.F. as an observer and has started training. He will retain his seat in Parliament.

Mr. Boothby resigned his office as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food after a Select Committee of the House of Commons had criticised his part in the realisation of Czech assets in Britain.

Mr. Churchill moving the adoption of the Select Committee's report, stated: "As for my hon. Friend, one can only say that there are paths of service open in wartime which are not open in times of peace, and some of those paths may be paths to honour."

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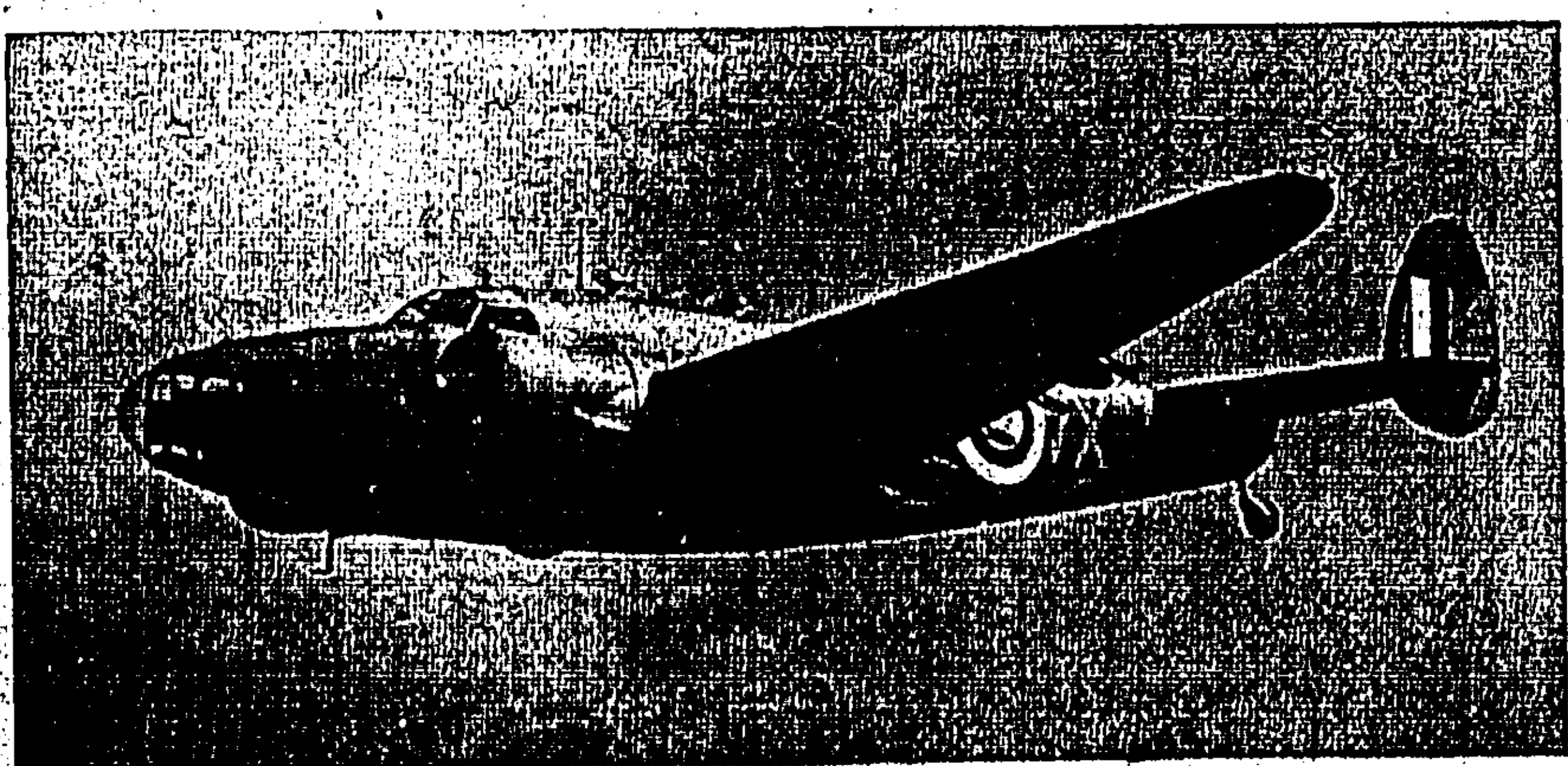
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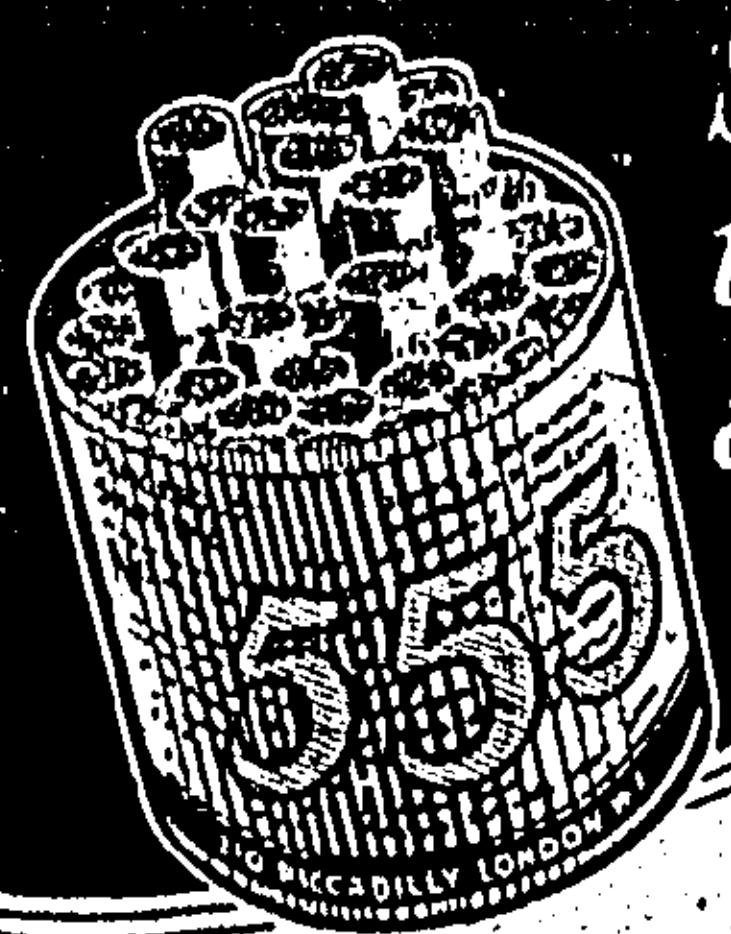


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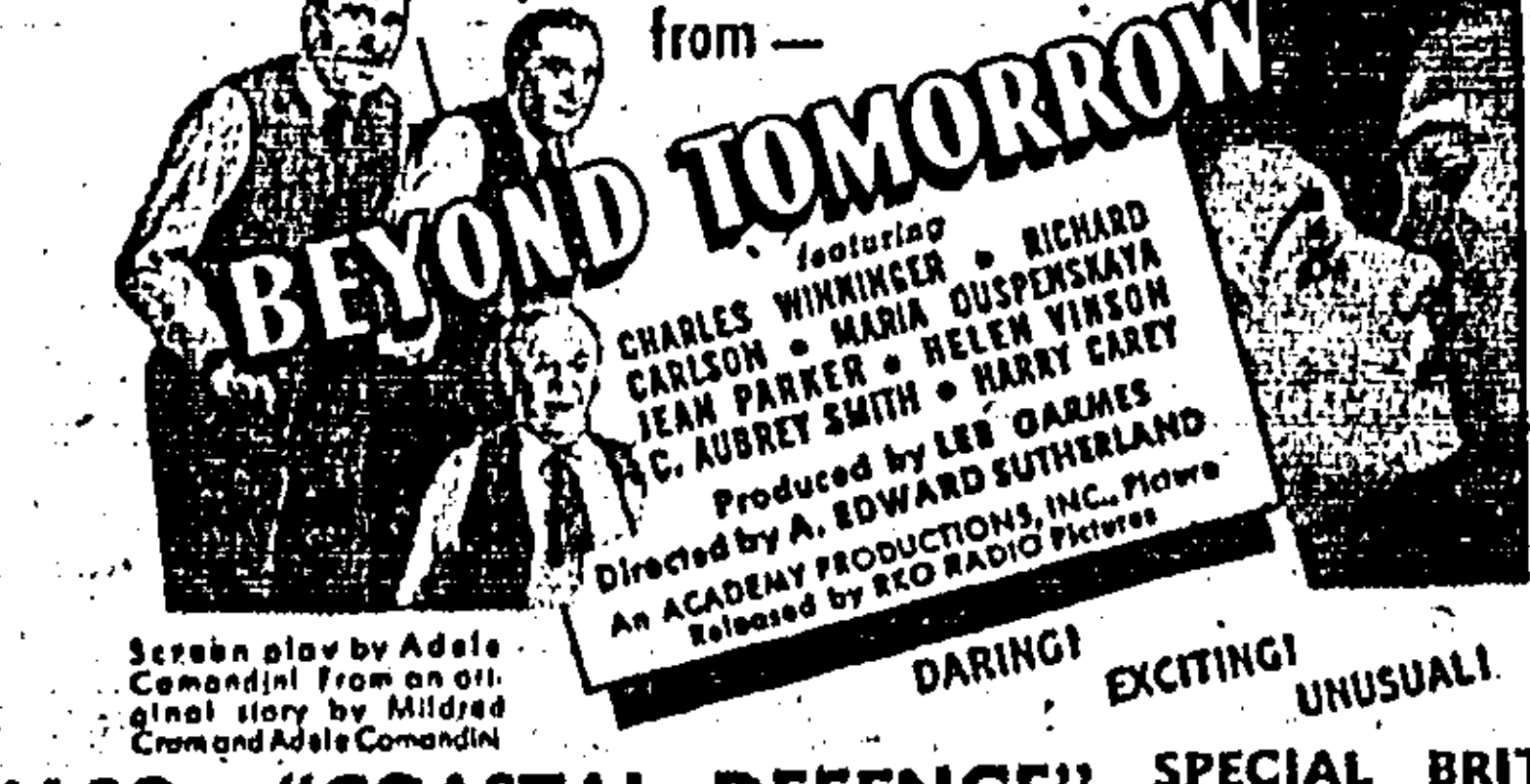
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Why Japanese Do Not Yet Control Yangtse River

—Admiral's Account Of Stewardship

TOKYO, July 24 (Domei).—Vice-Admiral Boshiro Hosokaya, outgoing Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Naval Forces in Central China waters, outlined the activities of the Japanese naval forces, including aircraft, in the Central China area.

The Yangtse River is the great artery of the Chinese Continent and forms an important trunkline in the conduct of Japanese military operations and for the transport of rich materials in Central China, Admiral Hosokaya said.

Summer Welles Denounces Tokyo

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was based on a doctrine which has universal application.

Under Duress

"On September 23, 1940, referring to events which were then rapidly happening in the Indo-China situation, the Secretary of State said it seemed obvious that the existing situation was being upset, and that changes were being achieved under duress. The present developments relating to Indo-China provide a clear indication that other changes are now being effected under duress.

Expansion By Force

"The present unfortunate situation in which the French Government at Vichy and the French Government in Indo-China find themselves, of course, is well known. It is only too clear that they are in no doubt as to the attitude of the Government and the people of the United States towards acts of aggression carried out by the use of force or the threat of armed force. That attitude has been made abundantly clear. By the course which it followed and is following, the Japanese Government is giving a clear indication that it is determined to pursue its objective of expansion by force or threat of force. It is not apparent to the United States Government where there is any value or ground on which the Japanese Government would be warranted in occupying Indo-China by establishing bases in that area as measures of self defence.

Objective of Bases

"There is not the slightest ground for the belief on the part of even the most credulous that the governments of the United States, Great Britain or other lands have any territorial ambitions in Indo-China or have been planning any moves which could have been regarded as threats to Japan. This Government can only conclude that the Japanese action is being undertaken because of the estimated value to Japan of bases in that region, primarily for purposes of further and more obvious movements and conquests in adjacent areas.

Jeopardise U.S. Interests

"In the light of previous developments, the steps which are now being taken by the Japanese Government endanger the peaceful nations of the Pacific. They tend to jeopardise the procurement by the United States of essential materials such as tin and rubber which is necessary for the normal economy of this country and the consummation of our defence programme.

"The purchase of tin, rubber, oil and other raw materials in the Pacific area of equal terms with other nations requiring these materials has never been denied to Japan.

The steps which the Japanese Government has taken also endanger the safety of other areas in the Pacific including the Philippines. The Government and people of this country fully realize that such developments bear directly upon the vital problem of our national security."

Americans Returning From Europe

MADRID, July 24 (Reuter).—A party of 265 Americans, mostly Consul officials, has arrived at San Sebastian from France and Germany. Sixteen American ambulance drivers accompanied them. They were passengers on the ill-fated Egyptian liner Zamzam, which was torpedoed by a German submarine and were recently released by the Nazis after being detained some ten weeks at Hendaye.

All the Americans are proceeding to Lisbon where they will call for the United States.

Since Japanese control of this vital waterway forms a fatal blow to the enemy, the latter is sending guerrillas to cut or disturb it again and again and is continuing various secret activities including the release of mines, haunting of banks and levying taxes on innocent people or taking away their materials.

In order to secure the control of the waterway and safeguard peace and order in the river valley, the Japanese naval force are disposing units at all key points along the 750-mile main and tributary channels of the Yangtse which are carrying out patrol duties constantly to guard and independently or in co-operation with Army forces to mop up enemies in the vicinity, while concentrations of enemy forces would be shelled from warships or junks operating as the secret means of the Chinese forces are being searched or seized.

The Japanese naval forces are also engaged in searching for and disposing of mines floating on the muddy stream or rescuing distressed craft.

Naval Air Force

While the surface units are thus firmly maintaining the Yangtse River, the Naval Air-Force strikes against the enemy air force under reorganisation far away in the interior of Szechuen Province and also destroys enemy military establishments and means of transport.

Admiral Hosokaya recalled that on December 30 and early in March, the Japanese Naval Force destroyed over 30 Chinese planes at Chengtu and inflicted a severe blow to the enemy air force while it was trying to rejuvenate.

Finally, Admiral Hosokaya paid his respects to the war dead and their bereaved families and expressed the hope that the wounded and sick will get well quickly.

Mines Removed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HANKOW, July 24 (Domei).—Japanese naval craft operating on the Yangtse River removed 201 floating mines during the first six months of this year, it was announced.

JAPANESE SHIPS TAKE ALARM

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (Reuter).—Over 40 Japanese ships bound for United States ports are reported to be lying off shore as a result of Mr Summer Welles' statement denouncing Japan as an aggressor in Indo-China.

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The officer was even more amazed when the soldier sharply ordered him out of the car, and was just about to give the soldier a lesson in discipline when he was met by a beautiful right hand punch to the jaw and deposited in a hedge.

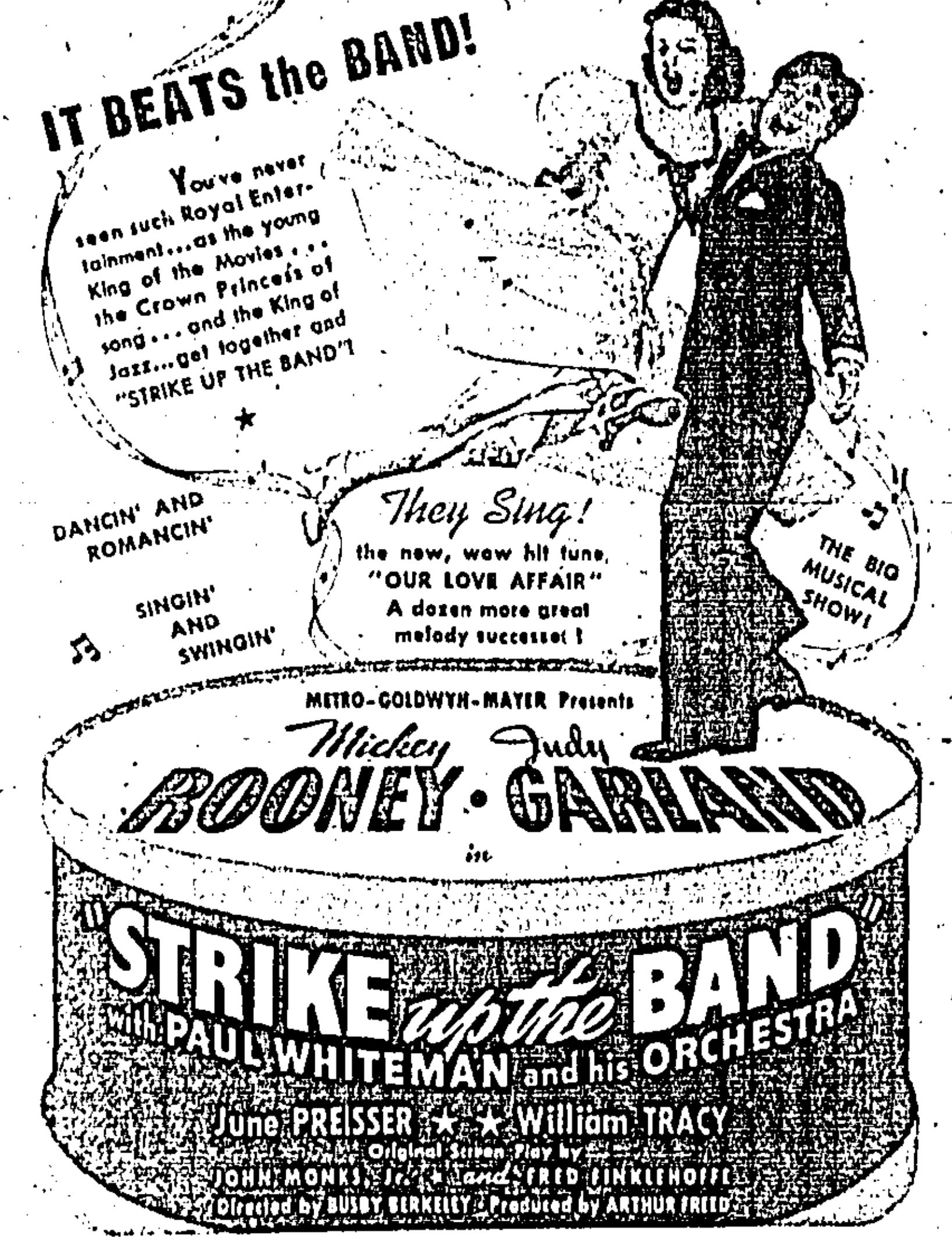
His car vanished. When he reported the incident, he was told that it was one of Britain's parachute army carrying out a manoeuvre. Told on landing that he had to reach a given spot by a certain time and prove by phone he had got there, the parachute soldier had commandeered the first car that came his way.

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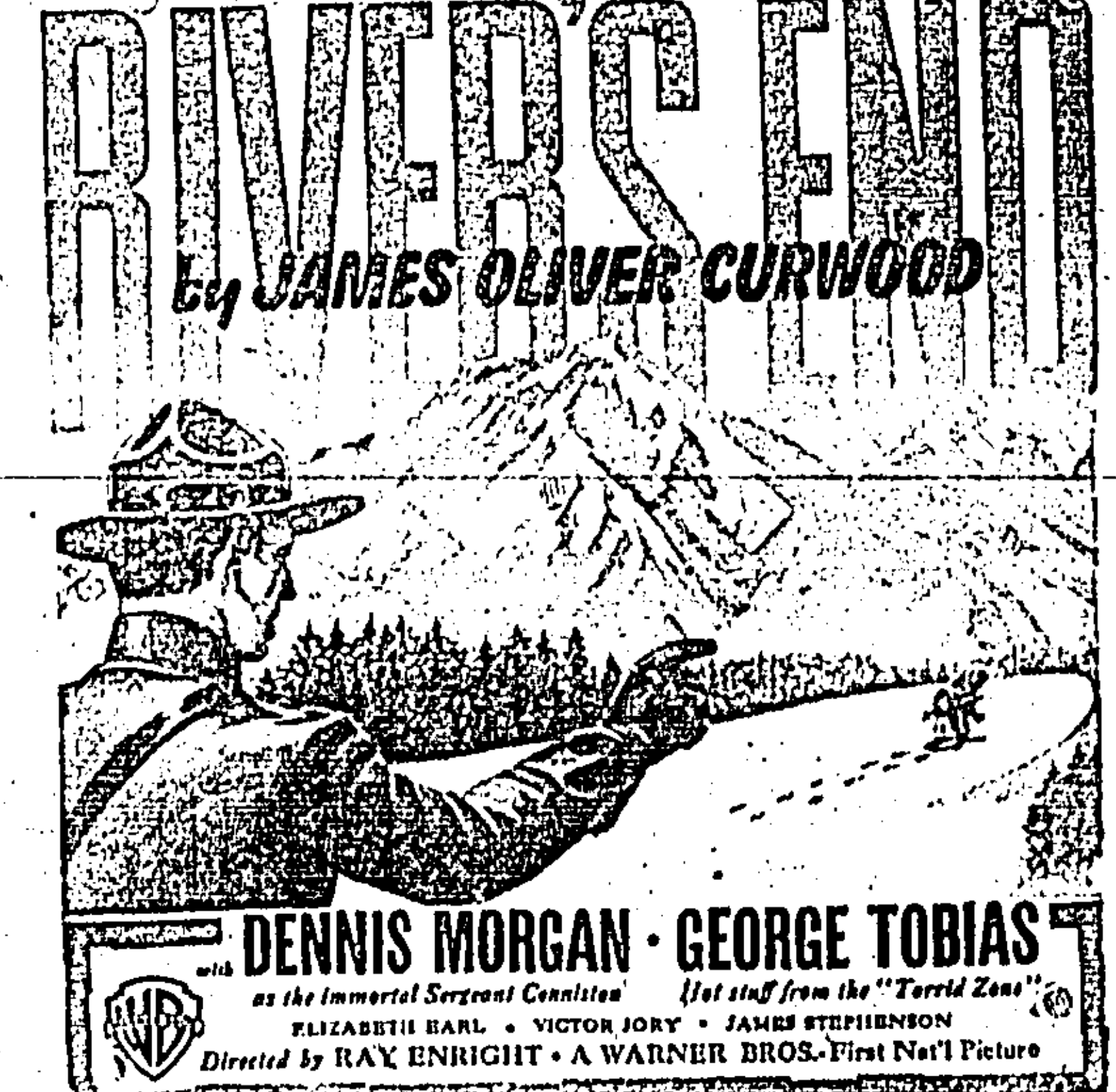


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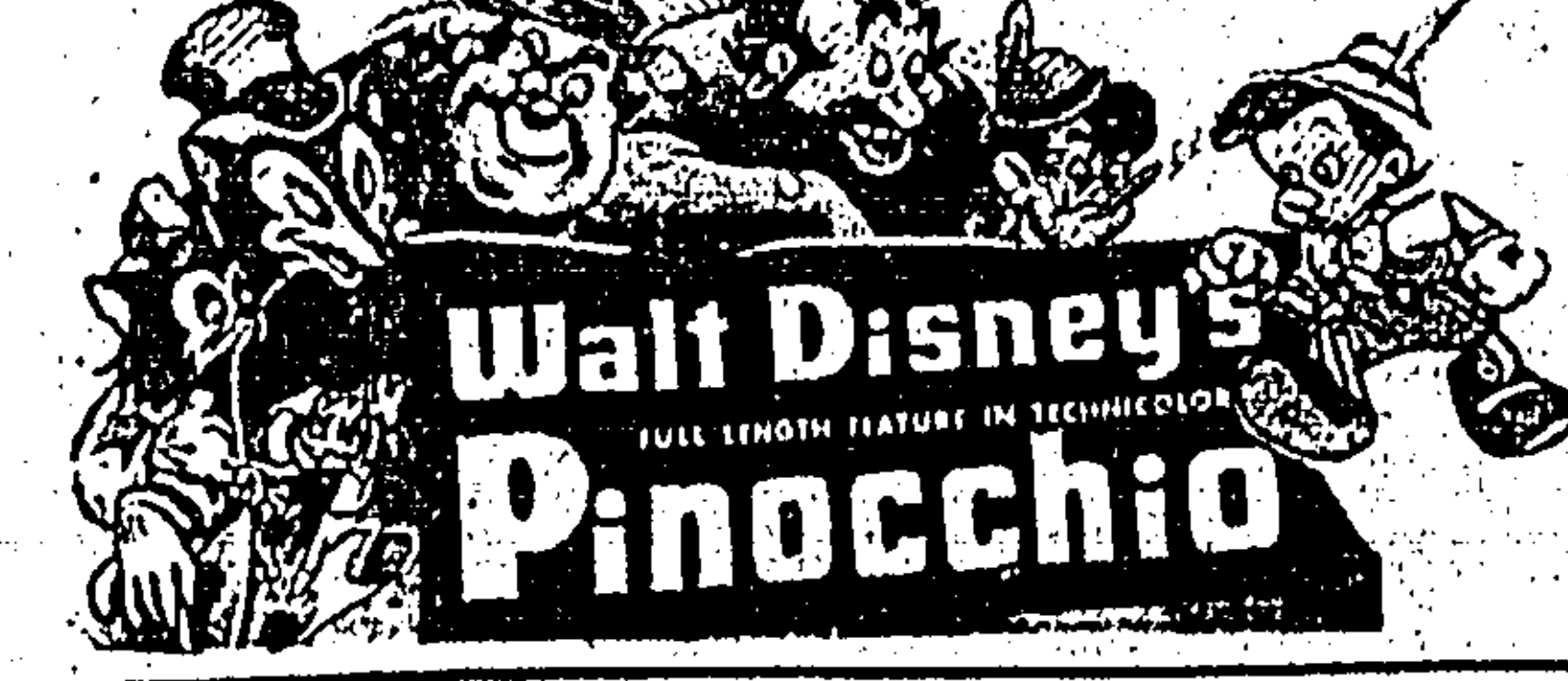
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Summer Welles Denounces Tokyo Move as Threat To Philippines

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—The Under Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, has issued a sharp note denouncing the Japanese move in Indo-China as a threat to the United States defence supplies in the Philippines. Mr. Welles told the press conference to-day that he had transmitted his views to Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador, when the latter visited the State Department yesterday, the text of which was as follows:

MOSCOW REPELS RAIDERS

Third Blitz Night

MOSCOW, July 24 (Reuter).—The fiercest hail of fire yet heard from Moscow's anti-aircraft batteries met Nazi bombers approaching Moscow last night with the object of "blitzing" the Soviet capital for the third successive night.

So effective was the gun-fire and co-operation between the anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights that once again only isolated planes broke through the city's outer defences to drop their bombs.

One feature of the three raids on Moscow has been the number of searchlights which the Russians have been able to concentrate on small areas of the sky.

Moscow's fire-watchers and fire-fighters again did splendid work last night and this morning. All except a few small fires had been extinguished.

H.E. Bombs Used

MOSCOW, July 24 (UP).—Considerably more high explosive bombs rained down on Moscow last night than on Monday night when they were mainly incendiary. The bombing appeared to be indiscriminate.

"It will be recalled that in 1940, the Japanese Government gave expression on several occasions of its desire that the conditions of disturbance should not spread to the Pacific region with special references to the Netherlands East Indies and French Indo-China.

"This desire was expressly concurred in by many other governments.

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Profitable Flight To Norway

A Beauforts' Day

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—A 1,500-ton tanker blazing fiercely, a 700-ton supply ship abandoned by her crew and a Messerschmitt 109 shot down into the sea—this is the record of a dawn patrol carried out off the Norwegian coast to-day by two Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command.

During the patrol, the navigator of a Beaufort saw below him a number of fishing smacks and signalled "V" to them with a lamp. He got an immediate answer—a "V" was flashed several times with a white light.

Supply Ship Hit

A supply ship was found and attacked near Christiansand. A stick of heavy bombs was laid low across the vessel and the crew were seen taking to the boats.

The Beaufort then swept low and raked it with machine-gun fire. As the Beaufort flew out to sea, it encountered two Messerschmitts and destroyed one.

The second Beaufort was a little further north when the pilot spotted a 1,500-ton tanker in a fjord. From below mast height he got a direct hit on the tanker's foredeck. When the Beaufort left, the tanker was burning fiercely and the men were clambering from it into small boats.

Japanese Warships Sighted

SAIGON, July 24 (Reuter).—Japanese warships are reported off Cap Saint Jacques.

Enemy Convoy Smashed In Mediterranean Sea

CAIRO, July 24 (Reuter).—A particularly successful attack in which R.A.F. bombers and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm participated was carried out on an enemy convoy off the fortified Italian island of Pantellaria on Tuesday, states an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

The convoy which consisted of four medium-sized merchant vessels, escorted by a number of destroyers, was first sighted and attacked by R.A.F. bombers. Two bombs were seen to hit a vessel of 7,000 tons and set it on fire. Two other bombs hit a vessel of 6,000 tons. A vessel of about 5,000 tons, apparently carrying munitions, was hit by three bombs and immediately blew up and disappeared below the water.

Shortly afterwards, R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft reported that the 7,000-ton ship was submerged stern up and two destroyers were standing by picking up survivors.

ROOSEVELT REVEALS DRAMATIC "INSIDE STORY" APPEASEMENT POLICY BY THE U.S. HAS KEPT JAPAN OUT OF N.E.I.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO-DAY DECLARED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PERMITTING JAPAN TO PROCURE OIL HERE AS A MEASURE OF APPEASEMENT IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE WORLD WAR FROM SPREADING TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

The President told members of the Office of Civilian Defence that if the United States had not sold oil to Japan, Japan would have moved into the Dutch East Indies a year ago.

"Our foreign policy was trying to halt the war from breaking out down there," he added. However, the President did not indicate whether or not this policy will be changed.

President Roosevelt spoke extemporaneously and his text reflected the informality of his remarks. It is noteworthy that he used past tenses in referring to the foreign policy.

He declared, "It was very essential from our own selfish viewpoint of defence to prevent the war from starting in the South Pacific. So our foreign policy was—trying to stop the war from breaking out down there.

"It was essential for Britain that we try to keep the peace down there in the South Pacific; therefore, there was—you might call it—a method in letting this oil go to Japan with the hope—and it has worked for two

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SELL-OUT BY VICHY

Recognising Japanese
"Predominance"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, July 24 (UP).—The Government spokesman to-day reaffirmed that the Franco-Japanese conversations continued this morning at Vichy and Hanoi.

No agreement has yet been signed, but a basis has been established, as reported in the Paris press, whereby France is reaffirming her recognition of Japanese predominance in Asia which provides for military and technical advantage to enable Japan to "maintain order in the Far East."

Admiral Decoux and General Sumita held a two-hour conversation at Hanoi examining the details of Japan's strategic plan for the "temporary occupation of military positions."

The spokesman asserted that the "recognition of Japanese predominance in Eastern Asia does not mean that France will similarly recognise the position of any other Power concerning the integrity of French sovereignty."

Nature of Concessions

HANOI, July 24 (Reuter).—The majority of the Japanese Mission in Hanoi are scheduled to leave for Saigon on July 27.

It is understood that the main clauses of the agreement giving Japan bases in southern Indo-China have already been signed in Vichy and details were decided yesterday in Hanoi and likely to take effect at the beginning of next week.

Although no information is yet available officially, it is believed that the possible concessions include the right to maintain troops in Southern Indo-China and the occupation of naval bases and aerodromes.

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Central News).—At the end of June Free China had 107,004 Rural Co-operative Societies with a total membership of 5,070,212 persons.

Censorship In U.S.

Request By The Navy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—The Navy Department will ask Congress shortly for legislation authorising the establishment of an office for the international censorship of outgoing cables.

In the testimony made public to-day, Rear-Admiral Ben Moreell, Chief of the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks told the House Appropriations Committee that the President's declaration of an unlimited emergency "necessitates the establishment by the Navy Department of offices for national censorship in some Naval Districts."

Tokyo Admission

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, July 24 (Domei).—Commenting on a few cases in recent days in which notices were sent to local residents to come to the Post Office and open the mail addressed to them, the Japanese press says that Japan has been very liberal with respect to foreign mail inspection.

"The work is done well and rapidly and with great tact. However, there is bound to be a delay," the paper suggests. Delivery could be expedited if the mail receivers voluntarily give general permission to postal officials to open their mail.

Declaring that the Japanese method of limited mail censorship is being done in a courteous way, the "Times and Advertiser" points out: "In many countries letters are opened willy-nilly and passages are blacked out."

NUN BURNED TO DEATH AT TAI-O

An 80-year-old Chinese nun was burnt to death and a 13-year-old probationer nun was seriously injured when seven robbers at 1 o'clock this morning forced their way into the Fung Yan Tung Nunnery at Tai-O, heard the nuns into a room, ransacked the building and then set it alight.

All but the elderly Au Sin were able to escape from the burning building.

The robbers took \$70.70 in cash before they set the nunnery alight. When the flames were seen coming from the building, neighbours rushed to the assistance and put out the fire. So far no report has been made as to the extent of the damage to the building.

The robbers escaped.



Direct Hit On Scharnhorst In Battleship's New Hide-Out

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Extensive and successful operations against the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are announced by the Air Ministry. The communique says: During the last twenty-four hours extensive operations have been undertaken by the Bomber Command against the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

Eastern Front War

Hungarians & Soviets

Heavy Fighting Reported

VICHY, July 24 (Reuter).—A big advance on the eastern front by Hungarian forces is claimed in the latest Hungarian communique quoted in a Budapest telegram.

The communique says: "During the last few days, our troops have advanced several hundred kilometres eastwards amid constant fighting with the Soviet rearguards. Heavy fighting took place on the River Bug."

"Our shock troops fought with success, notably on July 22 against the enemy who held his ground and resisted strenuously. The enemy sustained big losses in dead and wounded."

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Naval Engagement In Channel

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique issued to-night states: "Our light forces operating during the night of July 23-24 in the Straits of Dover encountered an enemy convoy very heavily escorted. During the ensuing engagement, one of the enemy patrol vessels was sunk and others are known to have been severely damaged. We suffered no casualties."

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Peru-Ecuador Fighting Is Resumed

LIMA, July 24 (Reuter).—All day fighting in the disputed Peruvian-Ecuadorian frontier zone is reported in a communique issued to-day by the Peruvian Foreign Office.

"The battle which began yesterday morning in front of the Peruvian posts of Argus, Verdes, Pacitos and Matapalo continued all day," states the communique. "Fighting was especially bitter in Argus, Verdes and Las Palmas sectors. The Ecuadorians were repulsed, the Peruvians forcing them to retire and destroying their gun emplacements."

The Peruvian Foreign Office emphasises that fighting took place first on the left bank of the Zarumilla River and then continued on the right bank, which, it contends, would prove that the Ecuadorians attacked first.

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Two Ships A Day From U.S. Yards Next Year

WASHINGTON, July 24 (Reuter).—A new outlay of \$8,063,000,000 for the U.S. Army, Navy and Maritime Commission, including funds to accelerate merchant shipping construction of two vessels daily by early next year has been recommended to the House of Representatives by its Appropriations Committee to-day.

It would swell to a high record of \$15,320,000,000 the funds made available to the Army for the fiscal year which opened on July 1.

The Committee recommended \$1,000,000,000 in cash and contractual authority for permitting the construction of 541 freighters. This would also finance the acquisition of 350 others to meet the serious shortage of

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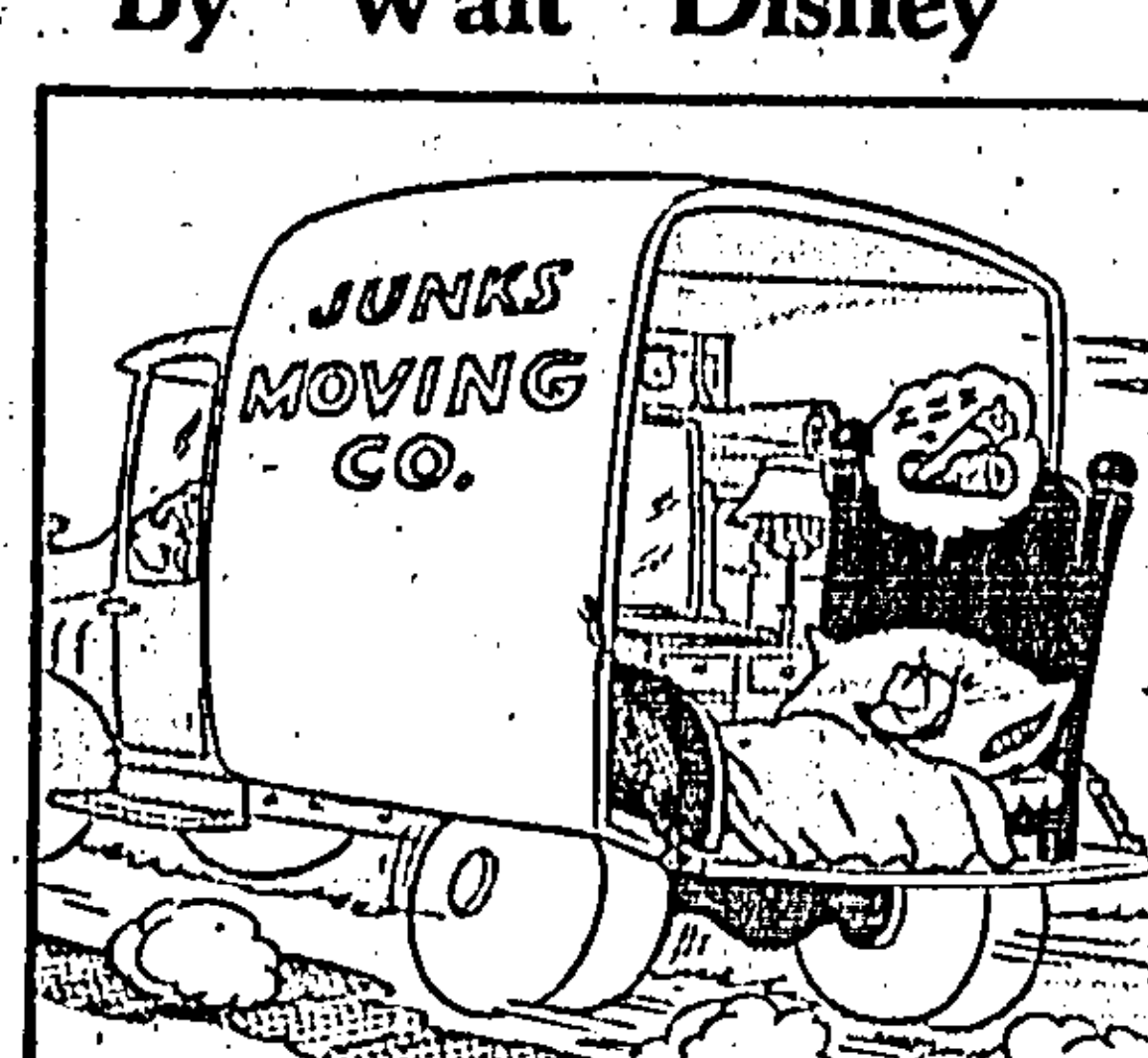
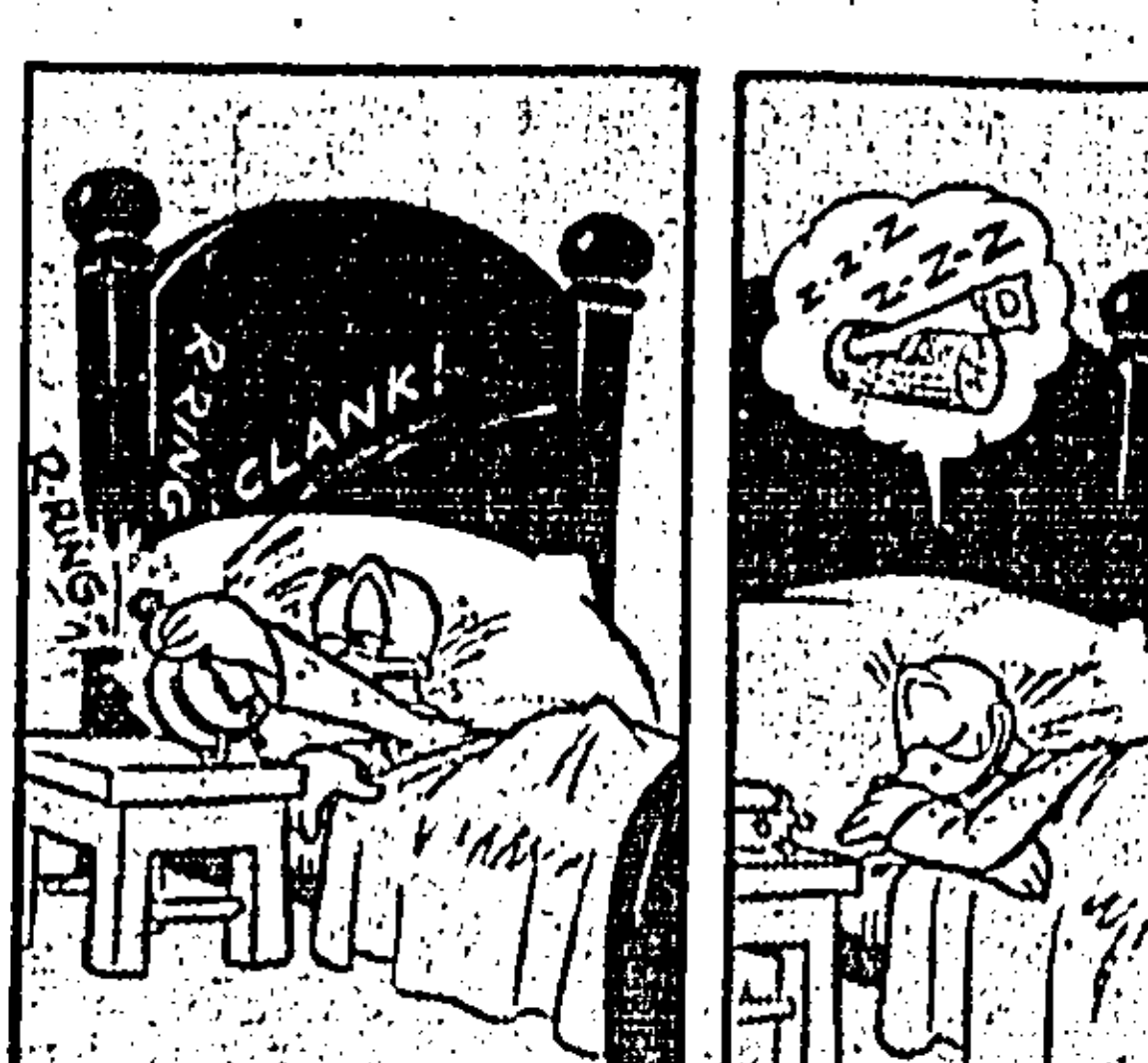
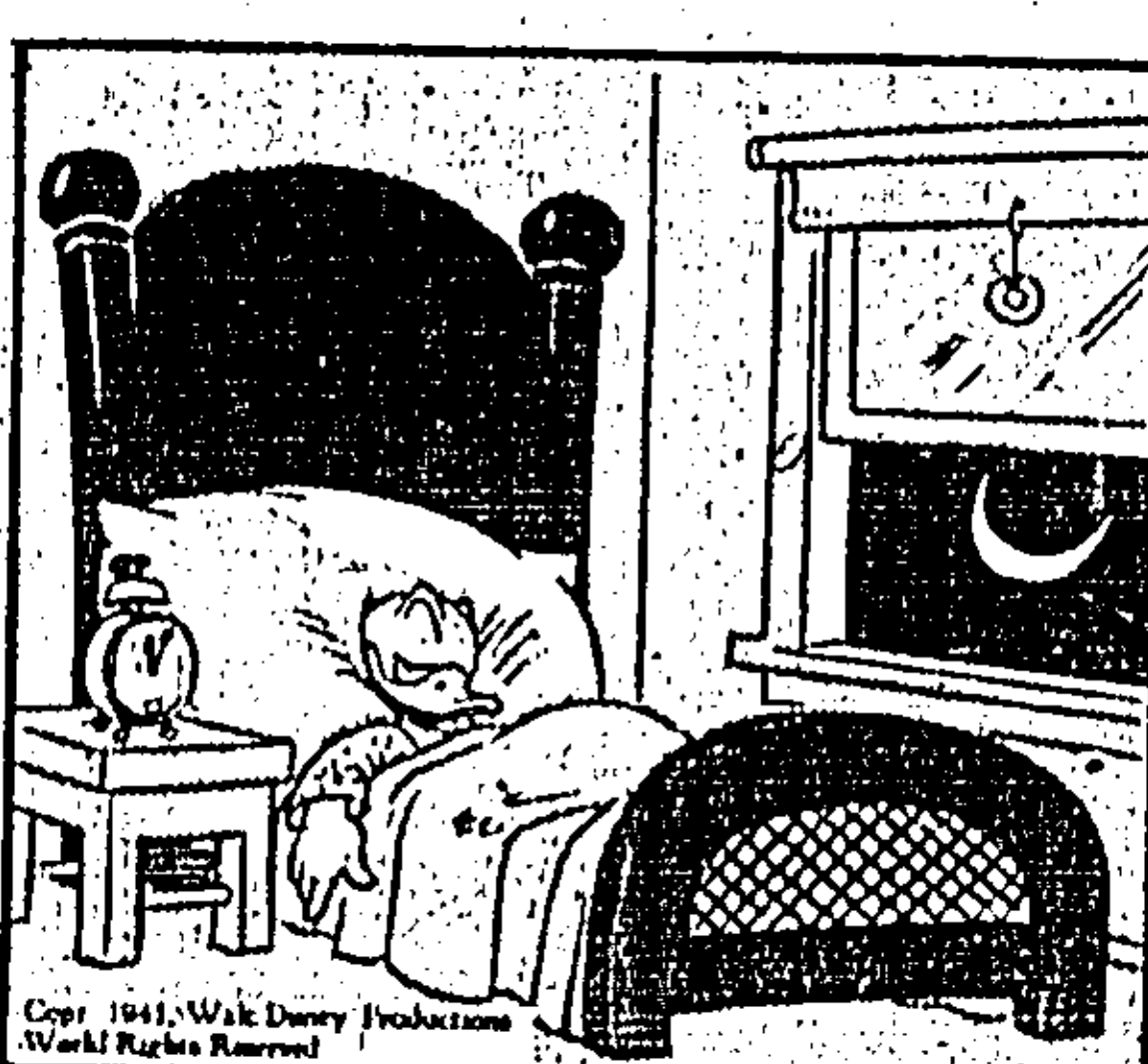
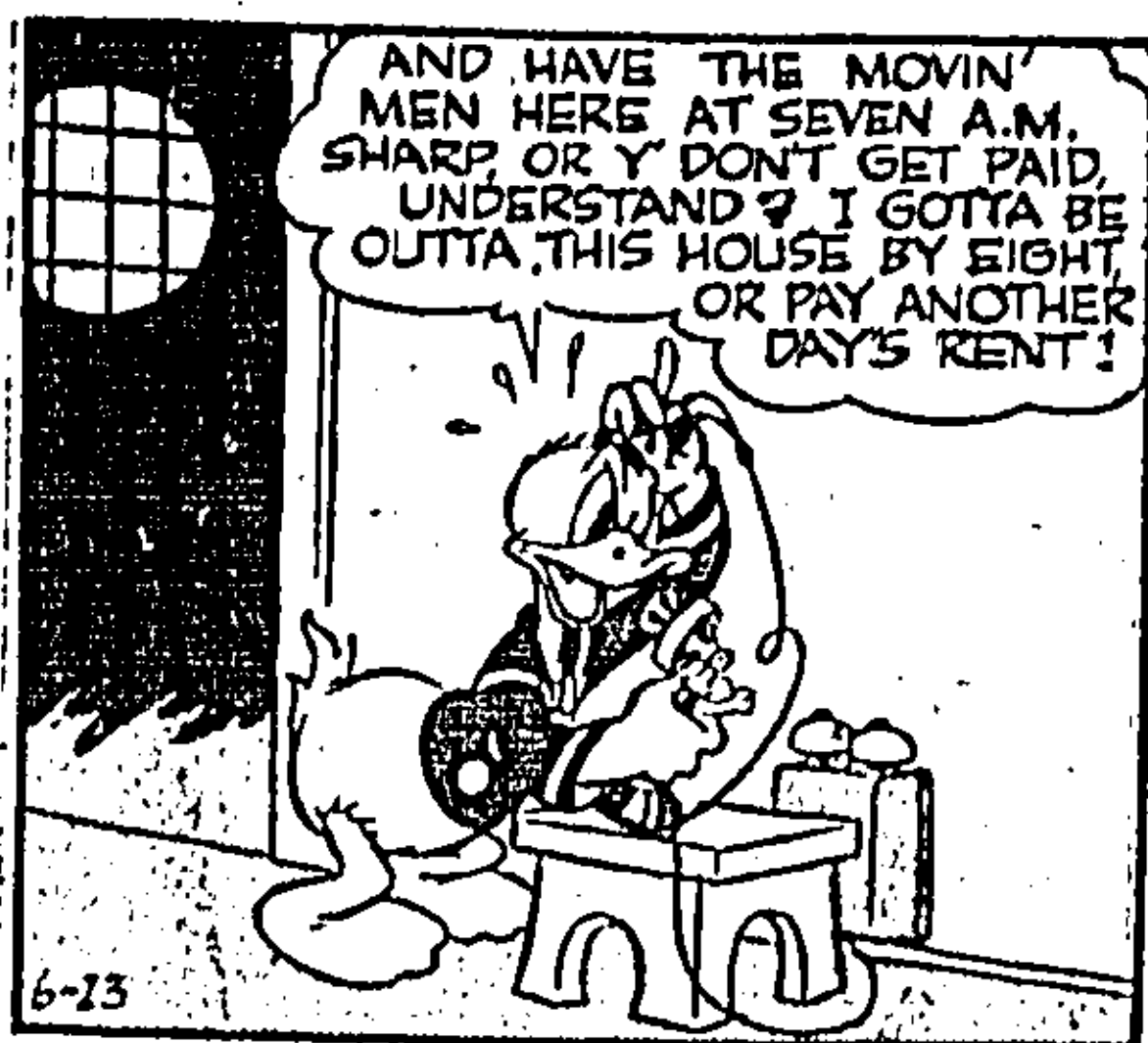
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CONTRACT BRIDGE

The Discard Came Too Soon

EXTRAORDINARY length in a suit in one opponent's hand, with consequent shortness in the other, is responsible for an incalculable number of defeated contracts. A large proportion of such cases, however, can be guarded against by correct technique on the declarer's part. To-day's hand illustrates how such difference a little care makes.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ 8 7
♥ J 10 8 7 6 2
♦ K Q 8
♣ A 2

♠ 10 5 4 3
♥ Q 3
♦ J 10 9 6
♣ 5 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♥ 2♦ 3♥ 4♥
Pass Dbl. Pass Pass

West opened the diamond king and, after seeing the dummy, switched to the spade king. Declarer won and, in a frenzy to set up a card on which to discard dummy's only losing spade, laid down the diamond queen for the ruffing-finesse through West's marked ace. West covered, all right, but dummy's deuce of trumps was overruled by East's three-spot, a spade came back, and another diamond was overruled with the heart queen. Finally, declarer had to lose the club ace for the fifth losing trick and a 500 point penalty.

After the opening lead declarer should have seen that not only his contract but an extra trick, as well, were virtually "on ice." He should have laid down the ace of trumps to make certain that all the adverse trumps were not in one hand, carefully preserving dummy's deuce of trumps as a communication card to his own hand. With both opponents following, the king then should be played, after which the diamond queen could be led through in perfect safety. If West should cover, the heart deuce would provide entry to the closed hand for the cashing of the jack and ten of diamonds, on which dummy would discard a spade and a club. Normal play of the club suit then would insure two tricks in the suit (if West ducked on the lead of South's singleton, dummy would win, and a ruff of the low club would establish the ace).

Instead of losing 500 points, North-South should have earned 1,140 points.

To-morrow's Hand
North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 8 7 4 2
♥ K Q J
♦ A K 6
♣ K 5 3

♠ J 9 8 5 3
♥ 6 4
♦ J 10 8 7 6
♣ 2

How should South play this hand at a contract of six hearts doubled? Opening lead, spade king.

Crossword Puzzle

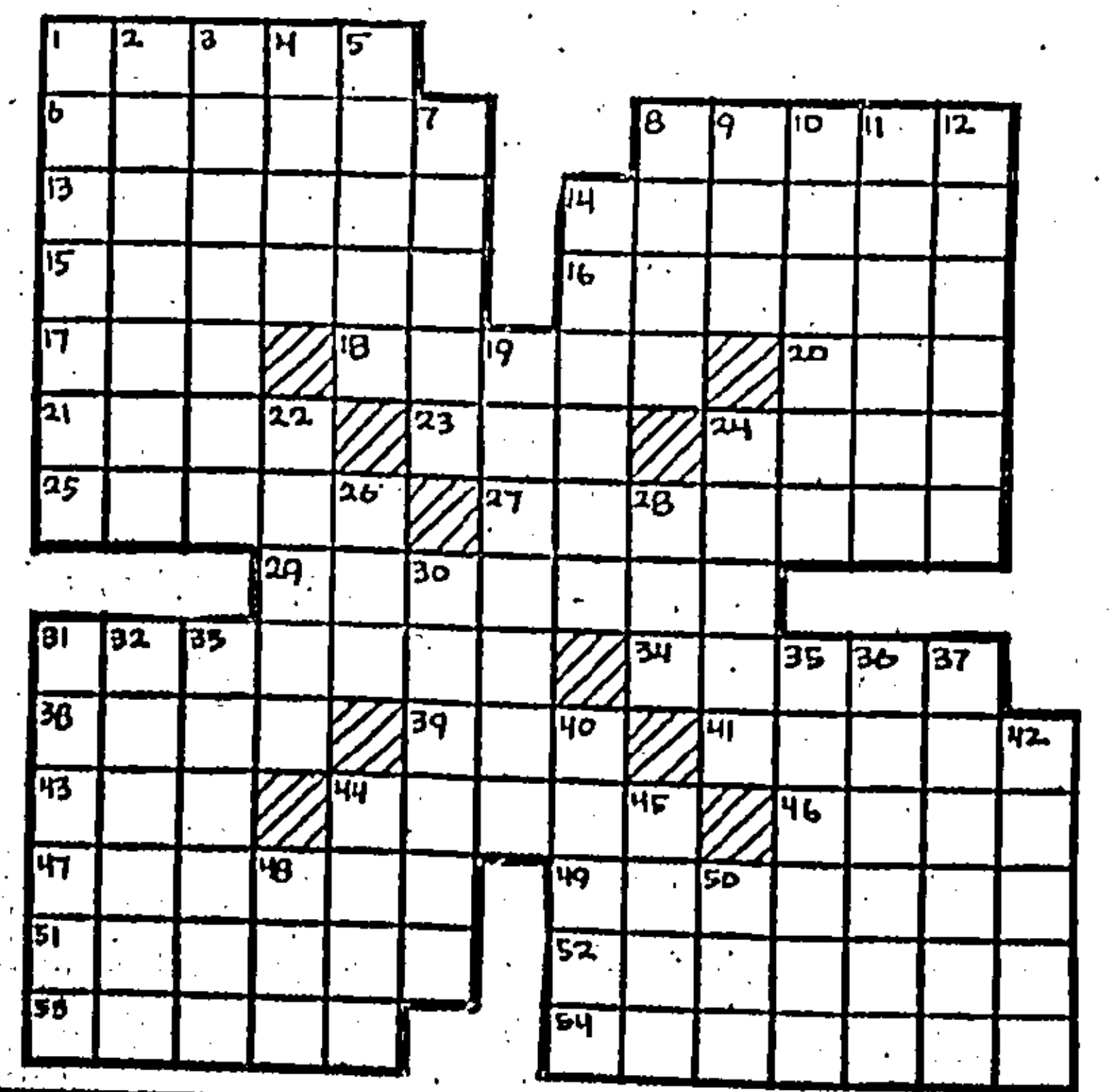
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ACROSS

1—Glimpse of bird (4)
2—Name deduction from regular charge (6)
3—Beast of burden (4)
4—Familiar beetle (4)
5—Manufacture of steel (6)
6—Familiar title of respect (4)
7—Hard glossy coating (4)
8—One (Scottish) (4)
9—Inundating pasture land (4)
10—Are under obligation (4)
11—Fixed period of time (4)
12—Large rodent (4)
13—One who employs (4)
14—Familiar composition (4)
15—Familiar service (4)
16—In architecture, back of open fire-hearth (4)
17—One with inordinate desire for riches (4)
18—Sufferer from dread disease (4)
19—Familiar alibi (4)
20—Familiar composition (4)
21—Familiar compulsory contribution (4)
22—Members of British race (4)
23—Wine of France (4)
24—Threat-like trip of one (epic) (4)
25—Familiar consequence (4)

DOWN

1—Reduction to other (4)
2—Familiar new lining (4)
3—Those who lower others in position (4)
4—Familiar unit of power (4)
5—Familiar war-horse (4)
6—Familiar fowl (4)
7—Familiar humor (4)
8—Pull of branches (4)
9—Familiar meat (4)
10—Familiar word (4)
11—Familiar appliance (4)
12—Familiar use of (4)
13—Familiar sign of (4)
14—Familiar horse (4)
15—Familiar disorder (4)
16—Familiar present time (4)
17—Familiar sun (4)
18—Familiar possession once more (4)
19—Familiar photo (4)
20—Familiar implements for cutting (4)
21—Familiar sea to (4)
22—Familiar in Brazil (4)
23—Familiar forth (4)
24—Familiar north (4)
25—Familiar China province (4)
26—Familiar structure (4)
27—Familiar manner (4)
28—Familiar form (4)
29—Familiar American humorist (4)
30—Familiar name of Latin (4)



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SYNOPSIS:
Dulcy Ward (Ann Southern), whose "heart is where her brain should be," is always trying to help people—and messing things up. On the dock where her brother Bill (Dan Dalley, Jr.) has gone to meet Angela Forbes (Lynn Carver) the girl he'd like to marry if her father (Roland Young) would let him, she meets Gordon Daly (Ian Hunter) who is there to pick up a Chinese orphan, "Subey" (Donald Huie) that he's agreed to adopt. Dulcy plans a week-end party at the Ward lodge to help Gordon sell an aeroplane motor he's invented and makes Bill invite his future family-in-law because C. Roger Forbes, Angela's father, is head of Forbes Aircraft.

Chapter Three

THE GRIZZLED ATTENDANT on the village boat dock peered again through his binoculars. This time his body stiffened and he looked more closely. Then he crossed deliberately to a small booth, reached in, and pulled a cord. A sudden blast broke loose from a mighty airhorn.

C. Roger Forbes, who had finally been induced to sit down after what he considered an interminable wait since his arrival on the train from New York, leapt up as though he had been shot from a cannon.

"What the devil's the idea?" he shouted.

"Dulcy Ward's coming—and I want to give everyone on the lake an even chance," the attendant answered calmly.

By this time the naked eye could distinguish a speedboat zig-zagging across the lake at a tremendous rate. Bill Ward, hovering in the background with Mrs. Forbes and Angela, saw his madcap sister was driving, and had Gordon Daly's little Sneezy at her side.

The airhorn squawked again and again. A middle-aged man, fishing over the side of his boat, hastily reeled in his line as his companion grabbed the oars. A launch, heading out from shore, changed its mind, did a hair-pin turn, and headed in again. Even a brood of ducklings, swimming contentedly with their mother, ducked under the surface and disappeared.

DULCY, MIRACULOUSLY MISSED EVERYTHING in her path. As she narrowly avoided cutting the landing dock in two and zoomed out in the lake again, Mr. Forbes gulped to Bill: "Is that... is that your sister? ... Isn't there any other way we can get to your lodge? ... I don't care much for speedboats!"

"I'm afraid not, Mr. Forbes," Bill answered. "But I don't worry. I'll tell Dulcy to drive very carefully." That on her second try Dulcy slid in to a perfect landing, was somewhat reassuring.

"Welcome to Lake Opanowapawonic," she called out. "So glad you could come!"

Angela came in for a bit of special attention. "And Angela," she said, "You're lovely. Thank goodness you're here. Bill's always had such a dreadful taste in girls up to now!"

"You'll take it easy, won't you, Miss Ward?" Mr. Forbes said nervously as the party and their luggage were being loaded into the boat.

"Don't worry, Mr. Forbes—just sit back and relax," replied Dulcy. Bill's instructions were a threatening command. "Drive slowly, do you understand—slowly!" he whispered. "My future wife, father-in-law, and mother-in-law are in this boat."

As the boat started out at a pleasant pace, there was every indication that Mr. Forbes' request and Bill's command had had their effect upon the driver.

"Isn't this lovely?" exclaimed Dulcy—and Mr. Forbes replied: "It's a charming spot!"—even though he didn't look enough at ease to indicate that he meant it.

"OH, THERE'S MR. LEACH," said Dulcy as she pointed ahead to a solemn, saturnine man lying in a canoe tapping intently on a portable typewriter propped up in his lap. "You may have heard of Vincent Leach—one of our most brilliant playwrights. He's a surrealist—absolutely no one understands him. You simply must meet him!"

Just then they did! Little Sneezy, bored by the slow pace at which they were returning, while no one was looking, reached down and pulled the throttle on the dash all the way out.

The boat had been levelled on Mr. Leach and his canoe. Dulcy might have turned out, at a more leisurely speed, but there was no time now. She did manage to avoid cutting him in two as her craft sprang suddenly forward, but the wash as she passed tumbled the canoe over and Mr. Leach, his typewriter, and reams of manuscript were scattered into the lake.

It was the horrified Mr. Forbes who saw the playwright come to the surface dazed and spluttering. "Miss Ward!" he shouted. "That man Leach—he's in the water—he's drowning!"

Dulcy picked him up under protest. "Half my next play was in that boat," he fumed, as he growled onto the narrow deck at the stern. "Well, thank Heaven, it wasn't the whole play!" consoled the amazing Dulcy. "Anyway, maybe it was Fate... maybe the play would have been a terrible flop!"

"You've made me feel a whole lot better," Leach hissed through his teeth. "It was sheer coincidence that at that very moment, Dulcy stepped down the gas quite suddenly and another wild leap of the boat sent the playwright back into the lake to join his canoe and wait for more reasonable rescuers."

here." Dulcy began—and the big tired business man trembled. "We start the day with a plunge in the lake. It's icy cold—but you'll love it! Then breakfast and afterwards tennis, golf, badminton, horseback riding—just everything!"

"I'm sure, Miss Ward," Mr. Forbes ventured, "that's a splendid programme for you younger people but, personally, I'm afraid all I want to do is sit down somewhere and relax.... You see the doctors tell me—"

"Oh, Mr. Forbes," Dulcy bubbled, "the doctors are always making mountains out of molehills. Why, exercise and good fresh air are the best tonics in the world."

WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT Brother Bill was becoming more and more certain that here was another of Dulcy's schemes that was going to "backfire."

Henry, the "poor lost soul" whom Dulcy had rescued from the Parole Board, had not yet achieved the smoothness of the thoroughly English butler whom he had replaced, but he was loyal—and he had a good strong pair of arms.

Gordon Daly, sitting idly in a small boat with his precious motor model between his knees, could stand it no longer.

"For the last time," he thundered, "I'm ordering you to go back to the house. I tell you Miss Ward's forgotten us!"

Henry had been rowing him around in circles within a little hidden cove for hours.

There might have been a physical encounter between the two men had not a "Yoo-hoo, Gordon," unmistakably in Dulcy's voice, saved the situation. Little Miss Fix-it pulled up beside them in her speedboat.

"Do you realise this monkey's been rowing me around for hours?" Gordon complained angrily. "Dulcy was hurt. 'But, Gordon,' she pouted, 'it was the only way to keep Mr. Forbes from seeing you and the motor before the stage was set. It's time now for you to come back.'"

Gordon and his motor had been transferred to the speedboat. Henry had jockeyed the rowboat around and was about to tie her tow line in the ring at the stern. Slowly low hum above became distinguishable as the roar of an aeroplane motor. Soon the plane hovered in sight, swooping and diving crazily. One sharp flick brought it so close that its construction features could be observed.

"Isn't that a land plane?" Dulcy asked.

"It sure is," answered Gordon wide-eyed—"and it's landing in the water. Go after him, Dulcy—over there around the point."

HENRY had been looking up at the sky with the rest of them. He was still fiddling with the tow line and the ring at the stern of the speedboat. Dulcy, in quick response to Gordon's command, stepped on the gas. There undoubtedly were in the mind of this "poor lost soul" nostalgic thoughts of the safety of his prison cell as he froze frantically to the stern of the speedboat and became a spread-eagled link between his flying companions ahead and the rowboat which he felt he had to drag with his feet to save himself from drowning!

Gordon saw Henry's predicament. "Stop!" he yelled—and Dulcy turned to look back. "Henry, let go! You're slowing us up!" she said. Always obliging, Henry did. When he finally bobbed back to the surface of the lake he spluttered: "I... I can't swim!" and they had to take time to fish him out.

The plane was half submerged when they reached it but the pilot whom they found balancing himself gingerly on one of the wings was remarkably calm and unconcerned. He pulled himself into the speedboat quite casually and only shrugged his shoulders when the plane sank completely out of sight.

"What happened—motor trouble?" asked Dulcy.

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9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave only).

10.00 London—News and News Commentary.

10.15 Compositions of Haydn with his Symphony No. 101 in D Minor "The Clock."

Quartet in C Major (C Dur) Op. 1, No. 6... Fr. Artie Quartet; "The Creation".... The Heavens Are Telling... The Choir of Temple Church, London, and Thelma Ball (Organist and Director); Symphony No. 101 in D Minor (D Moll).... "The Clock"... Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by A. Toscanini.

11.00 London—"Bakers of History."

Desmond MacCarthy on Florence Nightingale.

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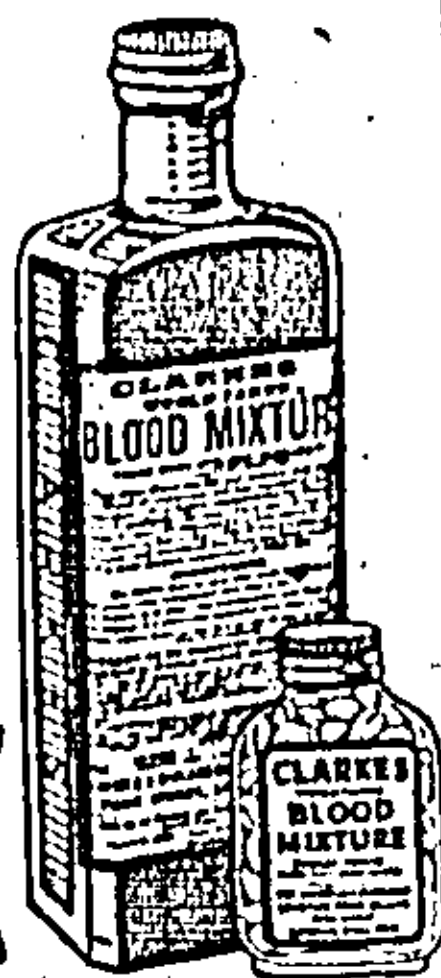
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OSORIO.—On July 25, 1941, at 289 Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, Jose Carlos (Josie) aged 6, dearly beloved son of Mr and Mrs. F. M. Osorio. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-day. No flowers by request.

The Hongkong Telegraph

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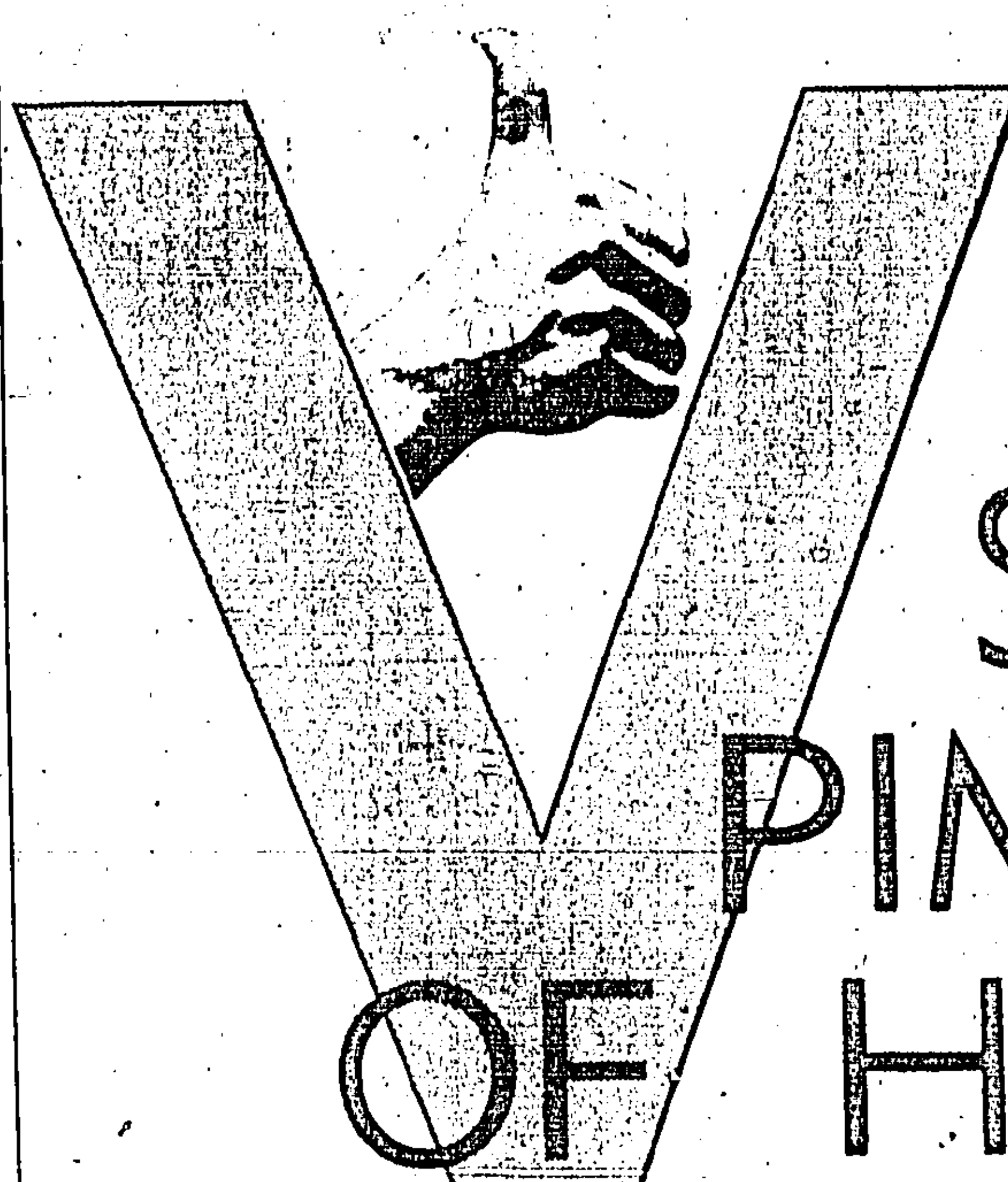
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JAPAN MOVES AGAIN

IN yesterday's maze of reports on the Far East situation ranging from Vichy complacency, Japanese ingratitude, Chinese anxiety, British conjecture and veiled American threats the most surprising was that of the "Reuter" diplomatic correspondent who issued from London one of those effusions so characteristic of Munich days. In essence he says that there is no threat to Britain in Japanese acquisition (for the complete occupation of the country by troops can mean no less) of Indo-China; from what the Japanese have so far announced of their intentions there is nothing to fear although not only Britain but all the Dominions will "watch the situation very closely."

The Japanese Consul General in Singapore was so emphatic of the Japanese "peace move" that he forgot to point out that such purity of motive could easily have withstood the light of previous publicity and might conceivably have had Anglo-American approval if a procedure had been adopted bearing fewer marks of the Hitlerian doctrine of fear, compulsion and disregard of the pledged word.

All this can be said of the ethical considerations. As for the practical side there is no doubt that Japan courts our animosity by putting out such stories as a British threat to Indo-China. Whether her wild and woolly ambitions with regard to the New Order in Asia have been cast in a definite mould yet is still uncertain but British defence preparations in Malaya, the unprepared state of Camranh Bay and the fast-building volunteer air force being gathered in Free China will weigh heavily against any more aggressive designs. The economic weapon too can be wielded heavily by all democratic interests in the Far East. If Japan's real desire is to restore peace in the Far East there are so many obvious ways of going about it that it will really be effective, that it would require a book and not merely this column to enumerate them.



News dispatches in the past week have told of the spontaneous and widespread display of the "V" sign for Victory in the occupied countries in Europe. As the symbol of the forces which are at work to free the overrun populations, it is one of Hitler's biggest headaches. Read below of Dutch patriotic resistance, and the work of the

SCARLET PIMPERNEL OF HOLLAND

By GEORGE SLOCOMBE

TO-DAY, a little over a year after the treacherous Nazi invasion of the Low Countries, an unknown Dutchman has taken up the challenge to Germany where France's greatest soldier abandoned it.

This unknown Dutchman, as if in silent reproach to the once-glorious Marshal Petain, author of the immortal phrase, "They shall not pass!" is called by his followers "Colonel Verdun."

His real name is unknown. Whether he fought at Verdun—and it is possible, since there were Dutchmen in the French Foreign Legion who fought there—is also not known. He may be a soldier or a civilian.

From his unconventional methods, it is clear that he is no blind adherent to the classical precepts of warfare. But this man, from his secret headquarters somewhere on the banks of the Maas, is now directing the most brilliant, desperate, and successful war against the legions of armed Germans in Holland.

HIS exploits recall those of the famous "Beggars of the Sea," who in the sixteenth century harried and harassed the Spanish soldiers of Philip II, and with their flotilla of small boats burned enemy shipping, slaughtered enemy garrisons, and finally in three months besieged and captured every Spanish port in the Netherlands and saved Amsterdam.

QUEEN WILHELMINA, in a recent broadcast from BBC, said:—

"In the Netherlands my people have found ways to hamper the invader—ways of which I cannot tell you here, but of which daily I have fresh evidence. Hitler has succeeded in invading Dutch territory; he has never succeeded in invading the Dutch spirit."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Stop showing off you're in the Army, Phil—those potatoes have been peeled properly!"

THE methods imagined range from the crudest to the subtlest, but all have the implacable intention of exterminating the enemy. German soldiers are killed in ambush or are pushed after nightfall into the many convenient Dutch canals. Railway tracks, roads and bridges are destroyed.

A German munition train bound from the Krupp works at Essen to a destination on the Dutch coast was mined and blown up. Near Rotterdam a merchant vessel completed under Nazi orders was launched, only to capsize immediately. Factories on war work are sabotaged. At Arnhem stores of German weapons were broken into and plundered.

And against the German soldier individually and collectively the powerful, silent weapon of social ostracism, contempt, and boycott is exerted without ceasing.

The same condemned school teacher declared: "We are not so much a terror organisation as an organisation ready to assist the British when they land in Holland." Forty-two other members were tried. Eighteen were sentenced to death and 19 to long prison terms. All denied any knowledge of their leaders.

DURING the trial it was revealed by the German prosecutors that information had been systematically collected for the use of the Royal Air Force. Details of German military movements, troops and arms concentrations had been communicated by members of the organisation.

The prosecuting counsel also alleged that German soldiers had been killed by poisoned pencils, drawing pins, and drinks.

I AM told that "Colonel Verdun" and his followers are neither Socialists nor Communists. Most of them appear to be middle-class intellectuals. They are clearly men of the highest courage and patriotism, who are well versed in the history of their country's long struggle against the Spaniards.

Their mysterious leader, by his intimate knowledge of German mentality and of the inner councils of the Nazi leaders, recalls the powerful intelligence and far-seeing patience of the great William the Silent, whose agents regularly intercepted and decoded the secret correspondence between the Spanish regents in the Netherlands and the Ministers of Philip II.

"Colonel Verdun" is evidently destined to play an even more influential role in the second year of Nazi occupation.

His organisation is, in fact, the spearhead of the future British invasion of the enemy occupied territories.

If the war is ever to be carried into Germany itself, it can only be by the resolute aid and courage of the populations of the Low Countries. Their ingenious task is to greet the arriving and to code, the gen-speed the parting (and unwanted) oral character guest.

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of which was explained to me, but may not be revealed here.

At a mass trial of members of the organisation held recently at the High Court of Justice at The Hague, a 43-year-old Dutch teacher who was condemned to death admitted only that he had been told that the organisation had as its object to make the life of never forgive.

They admit—if only partially—the destruction of the heart of Rotterdam, although they at first attempted to pin the responsibility for that historic crime on the pilots of the R.A.F. They are still trying to blame our pilots for bombing, perpetrated stealthily by their own machines sent up to bomb Dutch cities under cover of a nocturnal raid by the R.A.F.

But this strategem fails to fool the Dutch all the more since the truth of Middelburg has already become generally known in Holland, despite the rigid Nazi ban on all references to it in the Dutch Press.

But Middelburg, not Rotterdam, was the Guernica of the Nazi invasion of Holland. It was one of the most ancient and picturesque of the Dutch cities, and it was, although of no military importance, and non-resistant, almost completely razed to the ground.

U.S. READY TO TAKE SWIFT ACTION IF JAPAN'S MOVE BECOMES THREAT

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—United States authorities are awaiting reports regarding the extent, nature and purpose of the Japanese ultimatum to Indo-China before placing in effect any economic counter-measures. There is every indication in Government quarters that these economic reprisals will come swiftly once the nature of the Japanese move is determined. There is no hint, however, that the Japanese occupation will bring about an armed clash with the United States.

How We Bluffed Italians And Kept Sudan Intact

KHARTOUM, July 24 (Reuter).—The story can now be told of how only 2,000 trained troops or a man and half per mile of frontier stood between Italy's huge East African army and the valuable prize of Sudan when Italy entered the war last year.

Skilful bluffing, coupled with some inherent weakness on the part of the Italians, succeeded in preventing the Italians from making an advance on Sudan when it lay within their grasp.

A small force of British troops by marching and counter-marching and by daring raids into enemy country, succeeded in creating a definite impression upon the Italian General Staff that the latter were opposed by 15,000 trained troops as shown by captured documents.

The stories spread built up this impression upon the Italian mind so that the great Italian army of nearly 250,000 men contented itself with timid raids.

Kassala Instance
One captured document shows that when the Italians attacked Kassala, which was defended by only 200 men, their operation maps pictured a whole series of non-existent British battalions and batteries.

Italian agents found it very difficult to cross into Sudan. From loyal border tribes (called by Rudyard Kipling "Fuzzy Wuzzles") bands were organised to police the marshes. They quickly picked out spies and handed them over to the authorities.

The Italians were thus unable to pierce the screen of British defences and themselves remained on the defensive until the arrival of Indian troops enabled the British to take the offensive.

SPLENDID FILM

'Forty Thousand Horsemen' Gala Performance

Every seat was occupied last night at the gala performance of the Australian epic film "Forty Thousand Horsemen." His Excellency the Governor attended and was received by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, who entertained a large party. Mr. S. T. Williamson was also host to a large number of leading residents.

The film deals with the work of the famous Australian Light Horse in Palestine during the last war, and is exceptionally well produced. The valour and dash of the troops provides many a thrilling spectacle, especially the charge in the final scene when men and horses sweep down desert dunes to capture a town held by the Turks. The speed and action is at times truly remarkable, portraying daring and superb horsemanship. Romance and humour are not lacking, and the Australian film industry is to be congratulated upon the high standard achieved.

Commonwealth's War Effort

"Australia Marches With England," a splendid pictorial record of the Commonwealth's war effort, is also screened. The film provides an impressive insight into the great effort being made by the Australian people as their contribution to the war effort. Shipyards, blast furnaces, the manufacture of every calibre of shell, war planes, tanks, guns of all descriptions, are all shown being turned out in countless quantities. The effect is stimulating, and evokes surprise and admiration that in so short a time, being made by the Australian people, Australia should have become such an organised centre for the production of the munitions of war.

Free French Opposition To Cession

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—"Free France will never recognise the cession of French Colonies to which the Vichy Government has agreed," says a statement issued by the director of the Political Affairs of Free France referring to the agreement with Japan concerning Indo-China.

The statement, issued in London, declared that the agreement delivers Indo-China in advance to Japan and expresses the indignation of the French people regarding "this fresh squandering of the national heritage."

The statement recalls that in March, General de Gaulle and the Council of Defence of the French Empire declared that any cession by Vichy, particularly in the case of Indo-China, would be considered null and void.

Vichy's Pretext

It then continues that "The Vichy Government decided to fight the Free French and British in Syria. In Indo-China they offer no resistance to the ambitions of Japan. The Japanese 'protection' cost France effective sovereignty over Tonkin last September and over territories of Cambodia and Laos were ceded to Siam in March."

After declaring that Vichy had used Japanese intervention as a pretext for trying to incite French public opinion against Britain and China the statement continues, "The new cession takes place on the very day following Marshal Petain's solemn undertaking to defend all the territories of the French Empire. Vichy has never ceased voluntarily or otherwise to be an instrument of the Axis."

"A comparison of the Vichy attitude in Indo-China and Syria furnishes proof of this. The alleged sovereignty of the Vichy Government is no longer anything more than fiction which exclusively serves the interests of Germany."

JAPANESE SHIPS TAKE ALARM

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (Reuter).—Over 40 Japanese ships bound for United States ports are reported to be lying off shore as a result of Mr. Sumner Welles' statement denouncing Japan as an aggressor in Indo-China.

Whatever step the United States may take in reacting to the new situation is being weighed cautiously. The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Walter George, predicted that there would be no precipitous move. He advocated a purely United States policy in the Far East and no joint Anglo-American action unless it be to American interests.

Mr. Welles, the Under Secretary of State, emphasised to-day that there was no truth in the recurrent reports that Britain and America would confront Japan with a united course of action involving both economic and military measures. Mr. Welles said that the Australian Minister, Mr. Richard Casey, late to-day, presumably to get the latter's views on Far Eastern developments.

Conflicting Views

LONDON, July 24 (UP).—The apparently conflicting views in three British authoritative circles regarding Japan's action in Indo-China to-day left newsmen bewildered regarding Britain's real attitude. An authoritative military commentator stated that the Japanese move is not a military threat against Singapore. A political commentator asserted that "Britain is greatly concerned by these events," while a naval reviewer stated "Japan's action cannot be considered a defensive measure."

While expressing Britain's grave concern, one authoritative political commentator directed his main attack against Vichy, saying, "there appears to be a feature in Vichy's collaboration with the Axis that France should abstain from any steps to defend her Empire against encroachments by the Axis powers."

No Limit To Humiliation
There seems to be no limit to the humiliation which Vichy is prepared to suffer in pursuit of its policy. There is no reason to doubt the reports of Japanese pressure on Vichy with a view to forcing concessions in Indo-China.

"The developments did not take Britain by surprise. The statement of the Vichy spokesman suggests that Vichy quite enjoyed the prospect of accepting Japanese 'protection' against an entirely imaginary British intention of aggression. 'Britain is in close consultation with the United States and her Dominions. We are all watching the situation very closely and exchanging information regarding it.'"

Soviet Capital Safe Till End Of August

A Neutral Prophecy
STOCKHOLM, July 24 (Reuter).—"If the slow rate of the German advance continues, Hitler may not get to Moscow before the end of August," writes the "Handels Tidning" to-day, quoting statements made by the Germans.

Much of Russia would remain to be conquered, adds the newspaper.

According to German statements, the rate of progress of the German advance during the last 20 days is only half that achieved in the previous ten days.

Confusing Announcement
News of the operations is confusing but perhaps the situation is also confusing. Propagandists, says the newspaper, announce the arrival of German mechanised troops at a certain place, but consolidation by support troops is necessary before a capture can be claimed by the official communiqué while the Russians behind the advance German troops hold up the support troops.

Kiev Still Held
For instance, Kiev was probably reached by some armoured units when this was announced by the Germans. Afterwards, however, German units, probably with much loss, forced their way to Kiev which may be encircled now. Although the encirclement of Kiev was announced a week ago, it is not yet in German hands.

Similarly the promised giant German sweep from south and north against Leningrad has not materialised, probably because the Russian defence is not so disorganised as the Germans suggest.

Ukraine Unprofitable
Even when the Germans have taken Kiev, they will be merely on the edge of the Ukrainian granary. Until they possess Charkov and its regions, the Germans are hardly likely to derive any real benefit from the resources of the Ukraine and they are a long way yet from Charkov.

Funds For America's Fighting Forces

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—The House to-day received the \$8,063,235,478 supplemental defence appropriation bill carrying funds for supplying the Army with material for a 3,000,000 strong fighting force and 841 new merchant ships. It also carries funds to expand the Navy's personnel from 255,000 to 360,000 officers and men.

Britain Touching Bottom Of Man-Power Reservoir

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Another three million men and women are to be registered for industrial and national service in Great Britain between August 2 and December 6.

The Ministry of Labour and National Service to-day announced that in addition to the women born in the years 1900 to 1916, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, has had to register, under the Registration for Employment Order, men born in 1895, 1896 and 1897.

It is understood that the urgency for additional manpower for both the forces and munition works is such that it may be necessary in the near future again to revise the schedule of reserved occupations and to raise the age of reservation in some groups.

Men up to the age of 50 and women up to 40 will come under the registration scheme early next year. Much more drastic concentration of industry and cutting down of less essential employment may be resorted to in order to push the nation's war effort to the greatest possible momentum.

Nearly 595,000 men were registered in the 1898-1899 and 1900 classes. About 100,000 have so far been selected for interview and about 40,000, already on work of national importance, are now available for transfer to more urgent work.

Inadequate Results
The Ministry states that these results, although reflecting the willingness of men to play their part, are wholly inadequate when judged in relation to the total demands. Much more drastic action may be necessary, and men in age groups beyond those mentioned are likely to have to register.

It will be essential for employers throughout industry to be prepared to substitute female for male labour. The stage in manpower requirements has been reached where the country can no longer afford men to doing jobs that can be done by women.

Nor can their services be spared for work that is not essential to the war effort or to the life and well-being of the community.

In addition to replacing men in industry, hundreds of thousands of women are required for the various Women's Auxiliary Services.

Willkie For Action

Republican Leader's Warning To Japan

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (Reuter).—Declaring that the defence of freedom "must be a positive thing," Mr. Wendell Willkie, speaking at San Francisco to-night, said: "Hitler has challenged our freedom. We cannot wait in a corner for him to strike at us. We must step forth boldly to throw Hitler off his guard—to bewilder him. We must force him to take the count."

Mr. Willkie pointed out that positive defence involves great sacrifices. He called for aid to China to divert the energies of Japan and for doubling and redoubling American aid to Britain.

Additional Bases
Additional air and naval bases should be acquired to protect the North Atlantic supply lines and ship and airplane courses in the South Atlantic should be guarded in order to prevent German moves through Spain and Portugal, Mr. Willkie said. "Totalitarianism thus surrounded, it will begin to recede. History proves that such forces survive only in expansion."

Netherlands Look To Defences

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—The Dutch East Indies, whose oil may be one of the prizes sought by the Japanese in their threatened southward expansion, are taking no chances.

Throughout the archipelago all points of military importance, including oil fields and harbours, have been closed to foreigners and placed under guard, says a Batavia dispatch to the Free Dutch newspaper "Vrij Nederland," published in London.

The Home Guard is to be concentrated for the protection of oil fields. Thousands of women have been registered for war service. Six hundred thousand natives will be called up under the conscription plan this year.

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SHANGHAI FLOODED

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Central News).—Shanghai was flooded in deep to-day as the result of a heavy rainstorm. Torrential rains which began to fall at 4 a.m., converted many low-lying districts, such as the Shanghai Race Course, into veritable lakes.

Tramway and bus traffic in both the International Settlement and the French Concession was suspended, while rickshaw pullers did a roaring business.

Turks Shoot Nazi Down

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—After repeated warnings, Turkish anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and shot down a German plane which flew over the fortifications on the border of Eastern Thrace, says an Istanbul dispatch to the Independent French Agency.

The German plane fell into the Black Sea, all members of the crew being killed.

Eire Bombed

DUBLIN, July 24 (Reuter).—Bombs dropped from "unidentified" planes were reported in a statement issued by the Eireann Government Information Bureau this afternoon, which states: "About 1.20 a.m. to-day, a number of bombs were dropped by unidentified aircraft in the vicinity of Dundalk, County Louth. There were no casualties and only minor damage was reported."

Soviet And Dutch E. I.

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, this afternoon called on the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, to discuss certain economic questions.

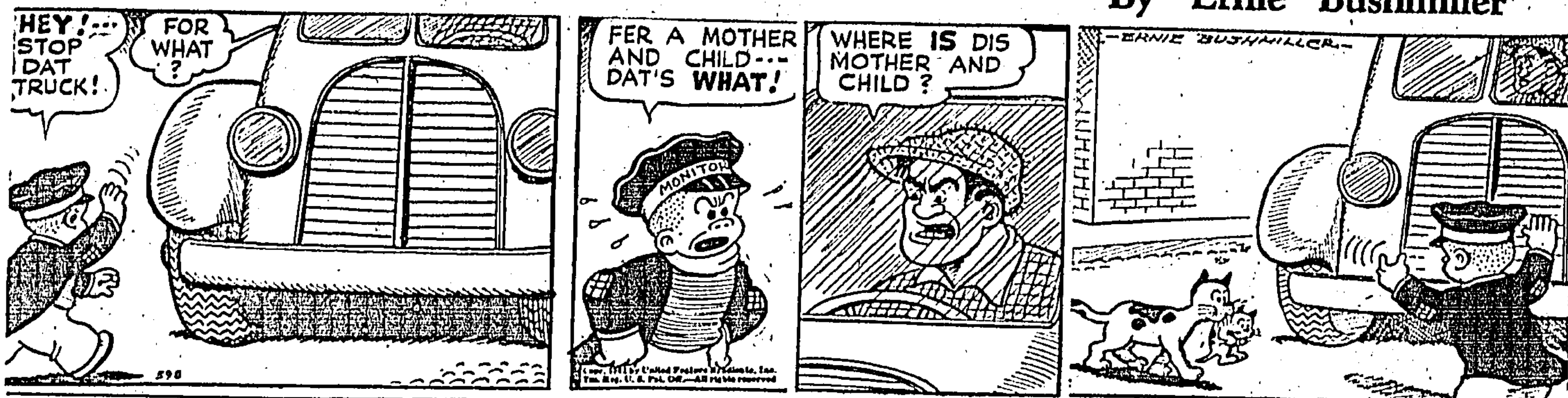
Americans Returning From Europe

MADRID, July 24 (Reuter).—A party of 200 Americans, mostly Congressional officials, has arrived at San Sebastian from France and Germany. Sixteen American ambulance drivers accompanied them. They were passengers in the ill-fated Egyptian liner Zamzam, which was torpedoed by a German submarine and was recently released by the Nazis after being detained some ten weeks at Henda.

(By "Tinker")

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Ships Being Altered To Carry More Cargo

THE decision has been taken by the Ministry of Shipping after consultations with the registration societies to reduce somewhat the freeboard of "open" shelter-deck vessels, subject to safeguards, which include the closing of the shelter deck, in order to allow additional cargo to be carried, states the London "Times" Shipping Correspondent.

The decision to close the shelter decks of these vessels and to have the load lines reassigned (referred to in a recent question and answer in Parliament) it is stated, will apply only where the resulting increase in draught is warranted by the condition of the ship's structure, and will not be prejudicial to the seaworthiness of the ship.

The freeboard is the portion of the side of the vessel above the water, and is measured by the distance from the deck to the freeboard mark or load line. This mark, therefore, will be raised. Shelter-deck vessels are exceptional in that they have a complete superstructure extending the whole length of the ship, the height of which is generally 8 ft. or more above the main deck; even with the maximum reduction of freeboard contemplated the 'main deck' will still be above the water line and the freeboard measured from the shelter deck will generally be some 9 ft. or more.

This decision to raise the load line and so allow rather deeper loading has been taken, after very careful consideration, as a war-time measure. Due regard will be paid in each case to the probable effect of increased draught on the speed of the ship.

The increase in draught allowed under the scheme will not in any case exceed 12 in., and the increased draught will be used with discretion in exceptional trades and under exceptional conditions.

Greater Effort

It is right that the development should be widely known, since the change indicates the extreme importance of making the utmost use of all serviceable tonnage at the present time and the need to expedite to the fullest extent possible merchant shipbuilding in this country. In the British Dominions, and also in the United States, which is showing great determination to reinforce largely the shipping available to the Allies.

When sailors, already subject to much stress and strain, willingly accept harder conditions of life at sea, workers in the shipyards and at the ports should be stimulated to increase their efforts to augment the supply of new shipping and to enable ships in port to be turned round in the shortest time practicable.

The load line is being raised solely in the national interest. No advantage to shipowners could accrue from the larger amount of cargo which it will be practicable to carry under the new ruling, as they are remunerated entirely by monthly rates of hire for the use of their ships.

War's Most Remarkable Escape

A German plane was bombing an aerodrome in England. Anti-aircraft fire was accurate. It slashed clean through the fuselage near the tail, cutting the plane in two.

Down dived the tail. Down, too, dived the main part of the plane, nose first, deep into the tarmac.

As its bomb load exploded there was a tremendous explosion. R.A.F. and W.A.F. men from their trench shelters, found only fragments left of the forepart of the plane and its dead crew.

But a few yards away was the tail intact and in it was the rear gunner, a little bruised, a lot bewildered.

It is concluded that as the tail shot downwards to what seemed certain death, the bombs in the forepart of the plane exploded. The blast burst upwards, caught the descending tail, braked its fall, so that in its last few yards of descent it was held almost to a standstill. It touched earth at a mere four or five miles an hour.

1942 Allied Building May Exceed Rate of Sinkings

If present plans mapped out by U.S. defence experts are carried out, the combined British and American shipbuilding in 1942 will exceed the present rate of sinkings, recent reports from Washington pointed out. It is likewise significantly indicated that under the present programme construction would not equal losses until 1943.

Present plans for a 2,000,000-ton increase in the emergency ship construction programme and further expansion of shipbuilding facilities would add about 250 ships to the fleet being built for Britain, most of which would be delivered in 1942, it was reported.

Recently the maritime commission acquired a substantial number of ships from private operators to be used as naval auxiliaries. In all, the commission is expected to acquire about 500,000 tons of shipping for the navy. First of the vessels turned over was the American, pride of the commission's new fleet, a 26,000-ton passenger ship, launched last year.

New Yards Needed

With the addition of these new ships, the maritime commission would have under contract 976 merchant ships of all types, or over 10,000,000 tons deadweight. For almost all of the additional vessels, new shipbuilding facilities will be needed, maritime officials indicated.

It was pointed out that this may mean construction of one or more entirely new yards by the Defense Plant Corporation, and that these yards will probably be located on the eastern seaboard where they could be quickly delivered to Britain and where they could draw larger supplies of labour. To carry the expanded programme, about 50 new shipways may be needed, it was said.

The maritime commission, it was indicated, may lease to Britain the new ships being launched at the rate of one every five days under the long range programme, although ordinarily these ships are understood to be used to rehabilitate the fleets of America.

For the present, however, there is understood to be no plans to buy or requisition American-owned merchant ships to be leased to Britain. The commission is reported completing plans for turning over the foreign-flag ships in American harbours and American merchant ships will be used for the pooling operations outside of the war zones until it is evident that this tonnage will not be enough. Under the pooling programme these vessels are operated by their owners and do not come under British control.

Hospital Is Safest In Air Blitzes

Precautions Taken To Meet Raiding

Hospitals, targets to Nazi bombs though they have been, are safer than most places in a blitz, according to Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Health.

"I believe that because of the very elaborate precautions taken to meet the conditions of heavy raiding, the risk is less than outside hospitals," he said.

He gave figures to support his view. Of 80,000 patients who have passed through the 400 London hospitals and institutions since September, only 235 have been killed and 195 injured—most of them slightly. In the provinces the position was much the same as in London, he said.

Total Casualties

Mr. Brown disclosed that up to the end of March nearly 29,000 people throughout Britain had been killed by bombing and about 40,000 injured.

Then Mr. Brown dealt with the medical and nursing staffs of the blitzed hospitals and produced this wonderful tribute to Britain's nurses: "Not a single nurse has fallen down on her job."

Of 5,000 nurses who stayed in London, 40 have died and 124 have been injured at their posts. Three doctors have been killed and eight injured.

Other air-raid facts and figures given by Mr. Brown were: Fifty per cent. of air-raid casualties need operations.

No hospital was overwhelmed, even on the night of London's heaviest raid, thanks to the system of switching. All casualties were dealt with inside 12 hours, and by late afternoon of the next day 75 per cent. had been moved to the country.

"Black Market" For Diamonds Springs Up In London

A "black market" in polished diamonds has sprung up in London. The customers are wealthy, nervous people who are locking up their resources in precious stones until after the war; and experts estimate that this market is handling diamonds worth more than £100,000 every week.

The diamond industry is dead against this new development.

"Black market" demands have caused a serious raid on the precious small number of expert workers in what is a new industry for Britain.

A year ago, when Holland and Belgium were being over-run by the Nazis, groups of skilled diamond workers from Amsterdam and Antwerp—traditional centres of the craft—were persuaded to go to Britain to help in forming a diamond polishing industry.

Now about 3,000 skilled workers are employed. They are working for men who are developing an export trade in cut diamonds, mainly with the United States.

These experts, naturally, help Britain to accumulate dollars to pay for war materials.

"Tempted"

Many of the expert workers, who earned about £5 a week on the Con-

tinued before the war, are now paid from £11 to £14 a week.

Since the secret market for diamonds has developed in London, however, people catering for this trade have raided the provincial centres where the foreign experts are employed, tempting them south with offers of between £18 and £25 a week.

Provincial diamond dealers say that the "black market" traders can pay these sums because the diamonds, when polished, are sold at twice pre-war prices to customers who know little about "precious stones."

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The industry is now considering combination to stop poaching of skilled craftsmen.

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Huge Free French Army In African Colonies

NEW YORK.—The French Cameroons and Equatorial Africa have recruited 250,000 white and native troops for the French forces of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, according to Albert Graviou and George Richoux, French mining engineers who arrived here recently.

All white men under 35 in the Cameroons are now subject to conscription, they said, but thousands of deserters from the regular French Army also had now joined the de Gaulle movement, which has headquarters at Brazzaville, French Equatorial Africa. The temper of the latter was such, Mr. Graviou said, that they would resist even Vichy Government troops led by Gen. Maxime Weygand.

The two Frenchmen are here to purchase equipment for the Compagnie de Mines Africaines in Yaounde and said that production of the tin and gold mines in Free French territory was being pressed in the expectancy that with average summer heat of 120 degrees in the shade, no Axis penetration attempt would come there before fall.

Short Of Tanks

Tanks and airplanes were the prevailing lack in arms equipment for the de Gaulle forces, they added.

Simultaneously, a report from continental France was brought by Howard E. Kershner, European Relief Director for the American Friends Service Committee, just returned here by Atlantic clipper. It was a description of desperate food lacks so general, according to Mr. Kershner, that the only remedy he could suggest was "the end of the war." Intense efforts of several American relief organizations in Unoccupied France were confronted with a situation of starvation, want, and destitution rampant, he reported.

The Friends Service, Mr. Kershner said, is now providing a meal a day for 50,000 French children and contributing to the nourishment of 180,000 others and 10,000 babies. It could feed 1,000,000 children and more if it had the money, he continued, since as much food as could be paid for was still obtainable in France, French Colonies and Switzerland.

Swam Ashore To Join de Gaulle

When the French liner Santay, which was recently intercepted by a British cruiser, anchored in Durban more than 40 members of the crew dived overboard and swam ashore to join Gen. de Gaulle's Free French Forces. One man, who could not swim, was rescued by a police launch.

All the men are now enjoying the hospitality of the South African Government until arrangements for their passages to Europe have been completed.

The ship carried more than 400 passengers, several of whom were seriously ill and were taken to hospital. Most of the passengers were Government officials and their families, who had been in Indo-China for nearly 25 years.

Robert Boothby Joins R.A.F.

Mr. Robert Boothby, M. P., has joined the R.A.F. as an observer and has started training. He will retain his seat in Parliament.

Mr. Boothby resigned his office as Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Food after a Select Committee of the House of Commons had criticised his part in the realisation of Czech assets in Britain.

Mr. Churchill moving the adoption of the Select Committee's report, stated: "As for my hon. Friend, one can only say that there are paths of service open in wartime which are not open in times of peace, and some of those paths may be paths to honour."

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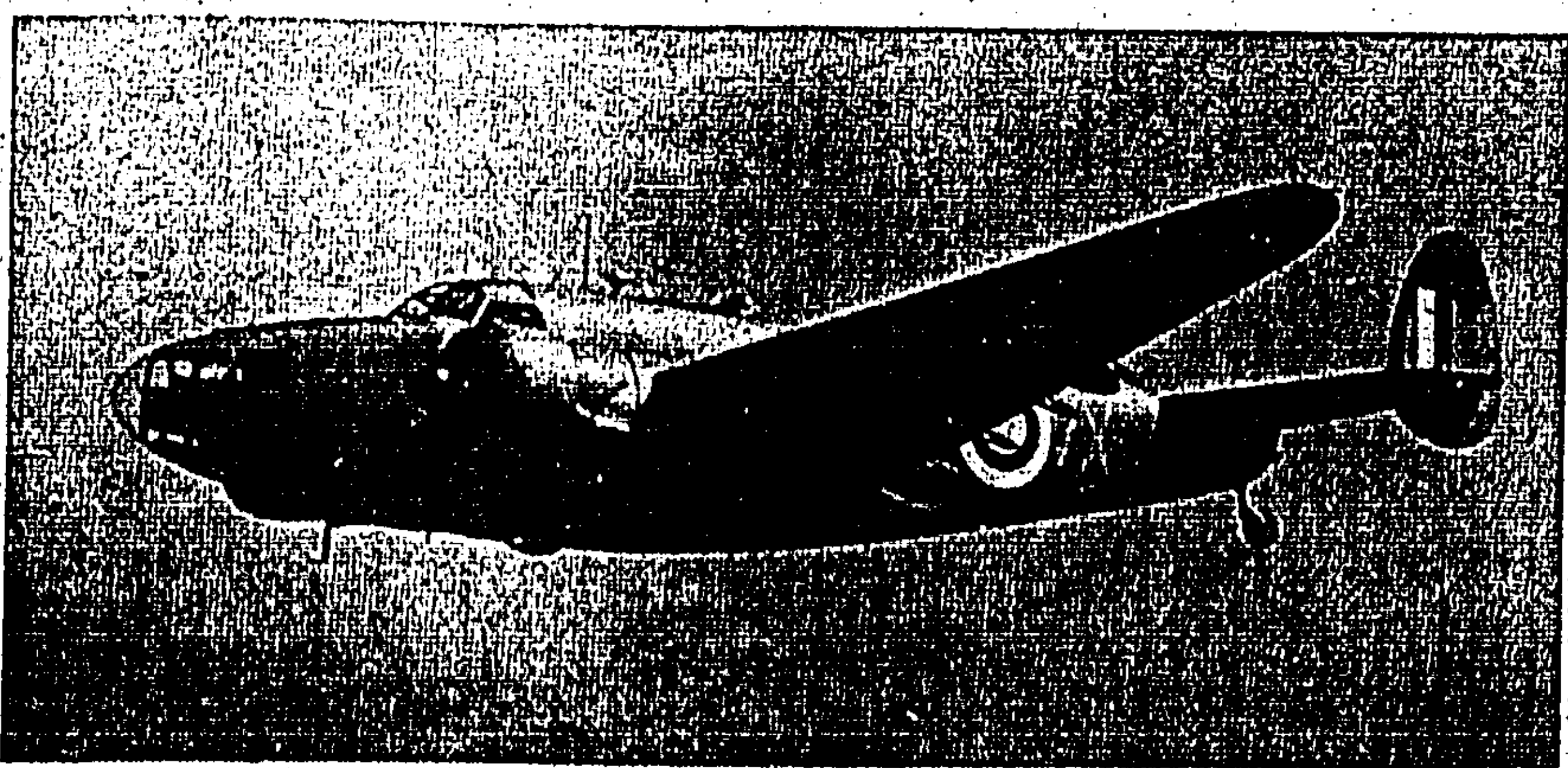
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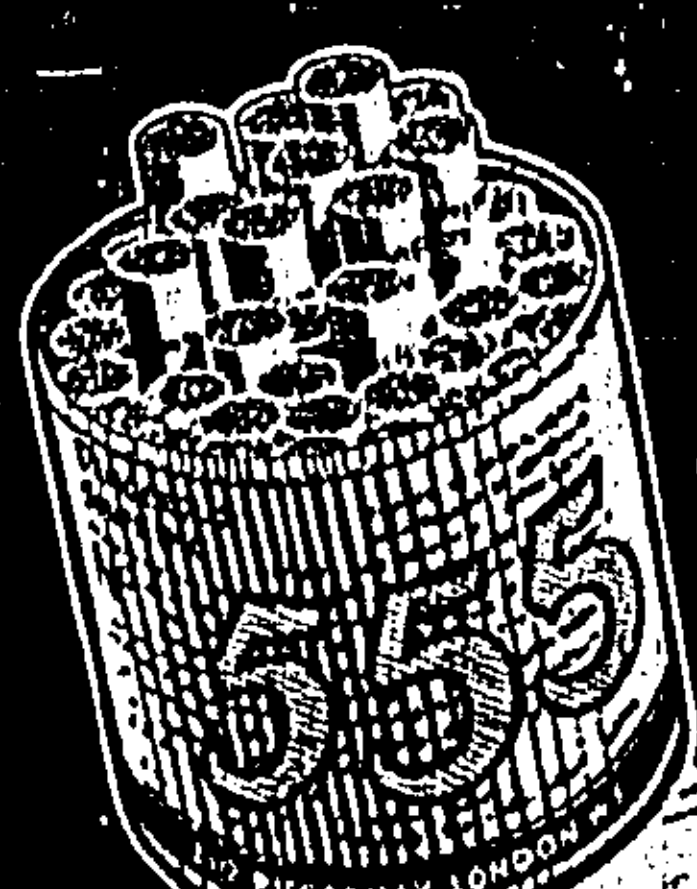


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Sumner Welles Denounces Tokyo

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Including the Government of the United States. Statements issued by this Government made it clear that any alteration in the existing status in such areas by other than peaceful processes could not but be prejudicial to the security and peace of the entire Pacific area, and that this conclusion was based on a doctrine which has universal application.

Under Duress

"On September 23, 1940, referring to events which were then rapidly happening in the Indo-China situation, the Secretary of State said it seemed obvious that the existing situation was being upset and that changes were being achieved under duress. The present developments relating to Indo-China provide a clear indication that other changes are now being effected under duress."

Expansion By Force

"The present unfortunate situation in which the French Government at Vichy and the French Government in Indo-China find themselves, of course, is well known. It is only too clear that they are in no doubt as to the attitude of the Government and the people of the United States towards acts of aggression carried out by the use of force or the threat of use of force. That attitude has been made abundantly clear. By the course which it followed and is following, the Japanese Government is giving a clear indication that it is determined to pursue its objective of expansion by force or threat of force. It is not apparent to the United States Government where there is any value or ground on which the Japanese Government would be warranted in occupying Indo-China by establishing bases in that area as measures of self defence."

Objective of Bases

"There is not the slightest ground for the belief on the part of even the most credulous that the government of the United States, Great Britain or other lands have any territorial ambitions in Indo-China or have been planning any moves which could have been regarded as threats to Japan. This Government can only conclude that the Japanese action is being undertaken because of the continued value to Japan of bases in that region, primarily for purposes of further and more obvious movements and conquests in adjacent areas."

Jeopardise U.S. Interests

"In the light of previous developments, the steps which are now being taken by the Japanese Government endanger the peaceful nations of the Pacific. They tend to jeopardise the procurement by the United States of essential materials such as tin and rubber which are necessary for the normal economy of this country and the consumption of our defence programme."

"The purchase of tin, rubber, oil and other raw materials in the Pacific area of equal terms with other nations requiring these materials has never been denied to Japan."

The steps which the Japanese Government has taken also endanger the safety of other areas in the Pacific including the Philippines. The Government and people of this country fully realize that such developments bear directly upon the vital problem of our national security."

Two Ships A Day From U.S. Yards

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ships created at least partially by the Lease and Lend programme.

Chartered To Britain

Maritime Commission officials told the Committee in testimony published to-day that 100 American merchantmen had been or shortly would be withdrawn from domestic service and chartered to Britain for the Red Sea service.

The officials reported that already 2,300,000 tons of shipping had been transferred to Lease and Lend traffic in the North Atlantic.

The Committee said an encouraging note was the testimony of the Maritime Commission that deliveries on the construction of new ships, now making a rate of two vessels a week, would be increased up to one daily by November and two daily by January or February.

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Central News).—The Government is expecting to obtain 12 million pounds of rice from Szechwan alone this year, partly from the Land Tax to be collected in kind and partly from the flotation of food bonds.

MOSCOW REPELS RAIDERS

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as the Soviet artillery kept the Germans at a respectable distance which resulted in inaccurate marksmanship.

Many bombs obviously intended for important buildings fell on dwelling houses, in the streets, courtyards and squares.

Northern Sector

HELSEINKI, July 24 (Reuter).—The enemy bombed the surroundings of Turku on Wednesday, according to a communique issued here to-day. The communique added: "To-day they bombed the southwest parts of the country. Only small damage was done. An attempt to bomb Helsinki failed. Five enemy planes were destroyed."

Tokyo Stock Market Weakens

TOKYO, July 25 (Reuter).—The stock market weakened yesterday following receipt of reports that Singapore had ordered the arming of all merchantmen and that Washington was considering an embargo on United States exports to Japan and the freezing of Japanese funds.

The "Chugai Shogyo" declares that Britain, the United States and Russia are adopting an economic stand against Japan. There are indications, says the paper, that America is invoking a complete economic blockade against Japan. Japan should be prepared for a tripartite economic blockade, the paper adds.

India's "Can Make It" Motto

SIMLA, July 24 (Reuter).—"We can make it," is the Indian industry's determined cry.

It is a counterpart to Britain's now famous words, "We can take it," declared Mr. P. P. Chatterjee, the New Zealand representative of the Eastern Group Council, when interviewed on his return from a tour of India's manufacturing areas.

He added: "Indian industry, like her army, is being quietly, skillfully and effectively mobilised until we see keen Indian brains and competent Indian hands transforming Indian iron ore into guns, tanks, shells, armoured carriers, aerial bombs and numerous requirements of modern warfare."

LATE NEWS

DIRECT HIT ON SCHARNHORST

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Night Follow Up

This attack was followed up during the night by a strong attack on La Pallice by a force of heavy bombers. At 2 p.m. to-day (Thursday) a very strong force of heavy bombers developed simultaneously attacks upon the Guelenau at Brest and upon the Scharnhorst at La Pallice. The attack on Brest was supported by squadrons of fighters.

At the same time squadrons of Blenheims escorted by fighters were attacking the port of Cherbourg.

Preliminary Reports

The preliminary reports of the operations last night and to-day indicate that these attacks were successful, several direct hits having been scored on the battleships and heavy damage done to the docks at all three ports. This afternoon a Blenheim aircraft of the Coastal Command escorted by fighters bombed the railway yards at Hazebrouck in northern France.

Fighter escorts taking part in these operations have had many combats with enemy fighters. In these, twelve enemy fighters have been destroyed for the loss of six of ours.

Fierce Fires

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Releasing a cargo of high explosive and incendiary bombs that caused fierce fires in railway yards at Hazebrouck, Northern France, this afternoon, Blenheim bombers of the Coastal Command completed their attack in three minutes, states the Air Ministry.

It was the first time that Coastal Command bombers had taken part in sweeps over France and their fighting escort guarded them so well that they made the attack with the precision of bombing practice, signalling the letter "W" in Morse as they neared their target.

One of the Blenheim pilots said that the work of the escorting fighters was grand and that not a single German fighter got anywhere near them.

Industrial Targets

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Industrial objectives in cities in France and Mannheim were again attacked by aircraft of the Bomber Command last night, says the Air Ministry. Particularly large fires were seen in Mannheim.

Docks at Le Havre and Ostend were also bombed. Aircraft of the Coastal Command on patrol off the Norwegian coast set an enemy supply ship afire and destroyed an enemy lighter.

No aircraft is missing from these operations.

It is now known that the enemy lost two bombers in raids on this country last night.

Early this morning another enemy bomber was shot down in the Isle of Wight by A.A. gun-fire.

Appeasement Policy By The U.S.

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years—of keeping war out of the South Pacific for our own good, for the defence of Britain, and the freedom of the seas."

Favours Embargo

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie in a press interview here to-day advocated a United States embargo on all shipments to Japan, adding, "In my opinion, such an embargo should have been placed long ago."

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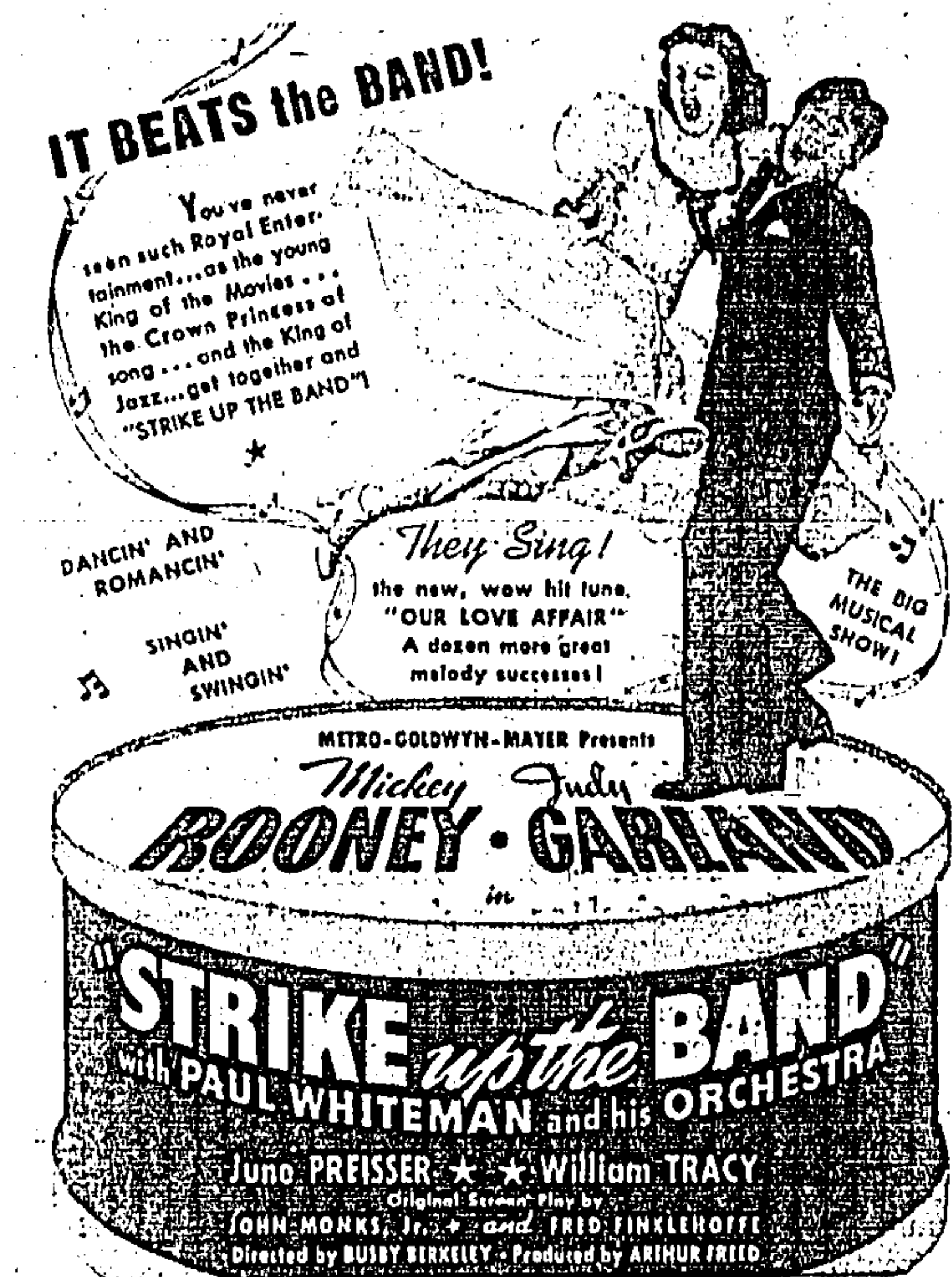
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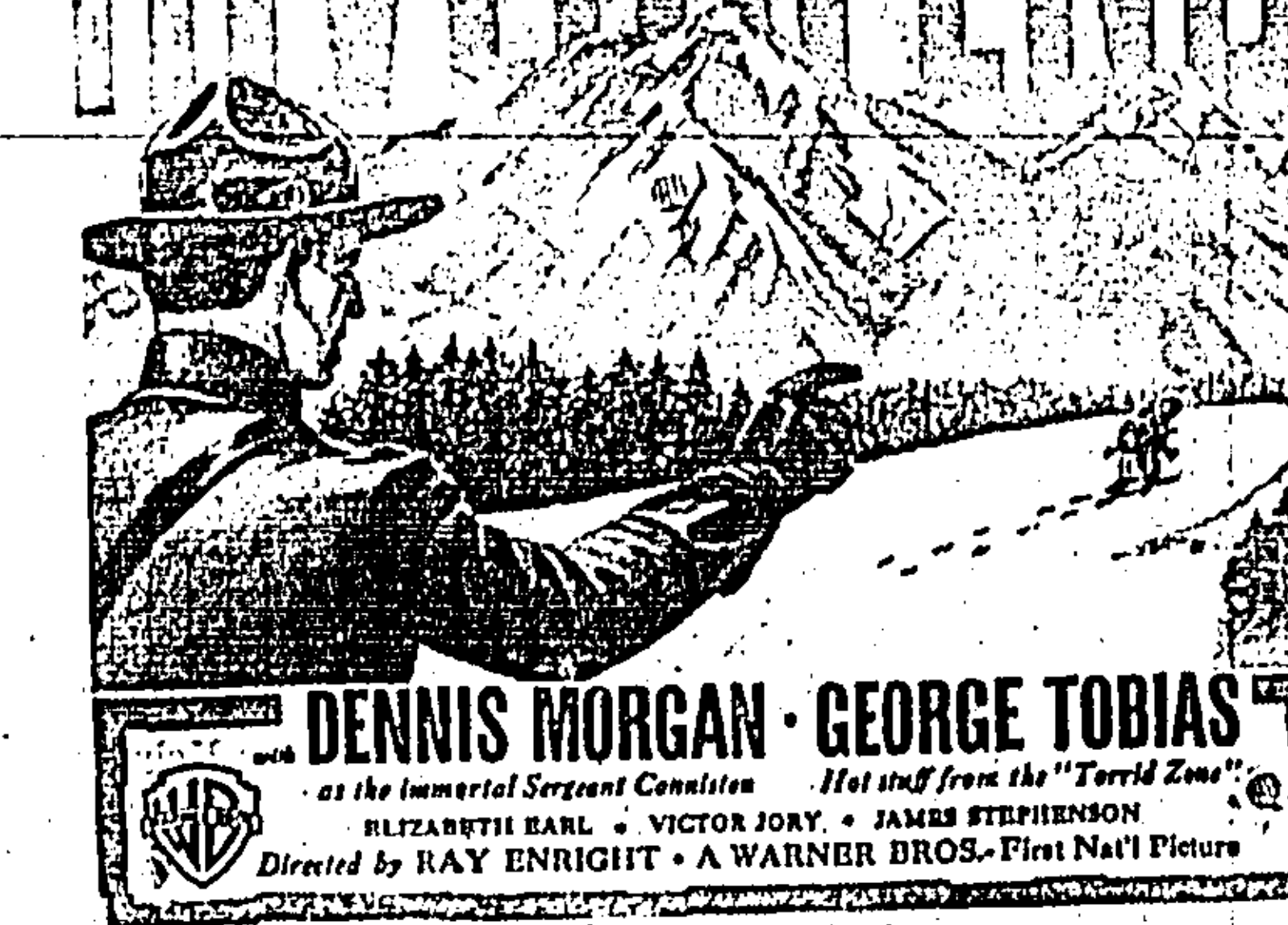
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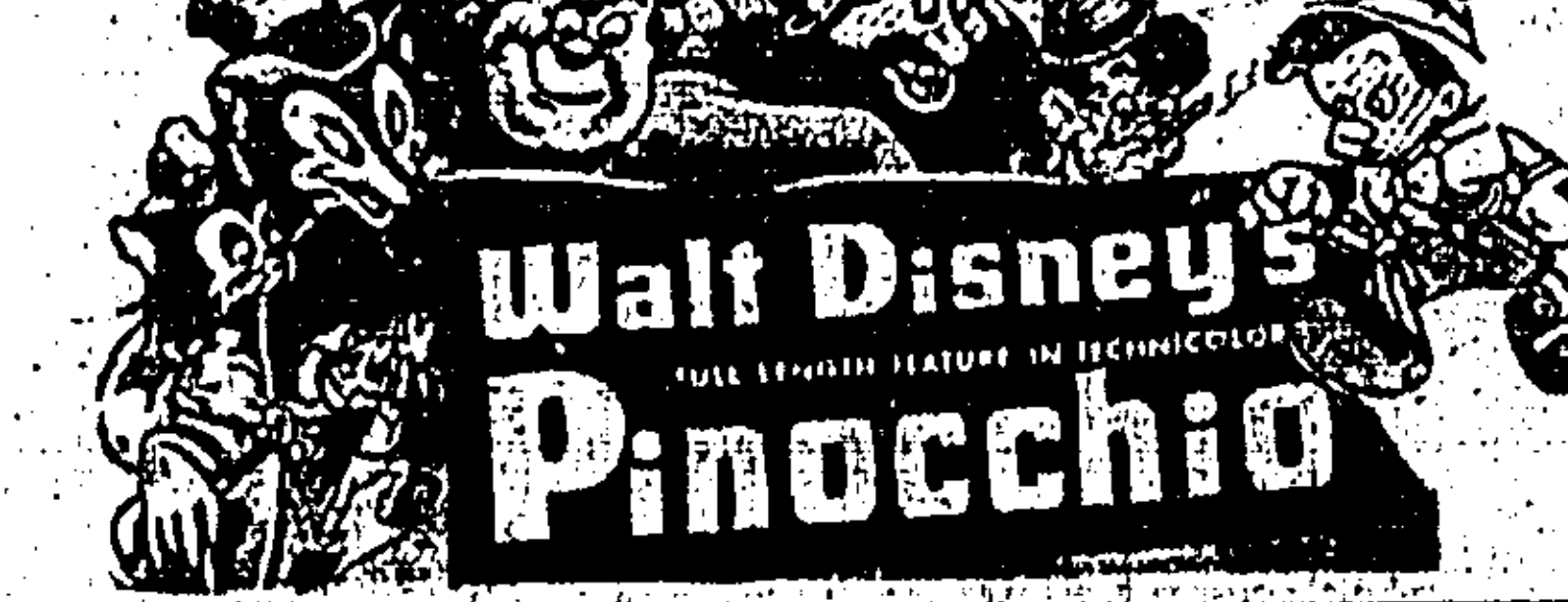
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Soviets Continue To Urge British Invasion of The Continent

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, July 24 (UP).—The Russian High Command is still anxious that Britain should stage an offensive on the Continent with the object of forcing Hitler's armies to fight on two fronts simultaneously. The Soviets are disappointed at the objections raised in the British press and elsewhere to the dispatch of a British expeditionary force to the Continent.

Contrary to the German claims that they had disrupted and disorganised the Soviet Armies, General Golikov is reported to have told friends upon his arrival from Moscow that the Russian military forces are completely co-ordinated and that the centralisation and unification of command has never functioned as well as it is doing now.

MOSCOW REPELS RAIDERS

Third Blitz Night

MOSCOW, July 24 (Reuter).—The fiercest hail of fire yet heard from Moscow's anti-aircraft batteries met Nazi bombers approaching Moscow last night with the object of "blitzing" the Soviet capital for the third successive night.

So effective was the gun-fire and co-operation between the anti-aircraft batteries and searchlights that once again only isolated planes broke through the city's outer defences to drop their bombs.

One feature of the three raids on Moscow has been the number of searchlights which the Russians have been able to concentrate on small areas of the sky.

Moscow's fire-watchers and fire-fighters again did splendid work last night and this morning. All except a few small fires had been extinguished.

H.E. Bombs Used

MOSCOW, July 24 (UP).—Considerable more high explosive bombs rained down on Moscow last night than on Monday night when they were mainly incendiaries. The bombing appeared to be indiscriminate.

Information from Moscow indicates that the Russians are strongly satisfied at the progress of British economic aid and supplies from the Dominions and Colonies which are known to be enroute to Russia on a large scale.

It is stated that the development of Soviet-American conversations is favourable although Moscow appears

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Profitable Flight To Norway

A Beaufort's Day

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—A 1,500-ton tanker blazing fiercely, a 700-ton supply ship abandoned by her crew and a Messerschmitt 109 shot down into the sea—this is the record of a dawn patrol carried out off the Norwegian coast to-day by two Beaufort aircraft of the Coastal Command.

During the patrol, the navigator of a Beaufort saw below him a number of fishing smacks and signalled "V" to them with a lamp. He got an immediate answer—a "V" was flashed several times with a white light.

Supply Ship Hit

A supply ship was found and attacked near Christiansand. A stick of heavy bombs was laid low across the vessel and the crew were seen taking to the boats.

The Beaufort then swept low and raked it with machine-gun fire. As the Beaufort flew out to sea, it encountered two Messerschmitts and destroyed one.

The second Beaufort was a little further north when the pilot spotted a 1,500-ton tanker in a fjord. From below mast height he got a direct hit on the tanker's foredeck. When the Beaufort left, the tanker was burning fiercely and the men were clambering from it into small boats.

Enemy Convoy Smashed In Mediterranean Sea

CAIRO, July 24 (Reuter).—A particularly successful attack in which R.A.F. bombers and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm participated was carried out on an enemy convoy off the fortified Italian island of Pantellaria on Tuesday, states an R.A.F. Middle East communique.

The convoy which consisted of four medium-sized merchant vessels, escorted by a number of destroyers, was first sighted and attacked by R.A.F. bombers.

Two bombs were seen to hit a vessel of 7,000 tons and set it on fire. Two other bombs hit a vessel of 6,000 tons. A vessel of about 8,000 tons, apparently carrying munitions, was hit by three bombs and immediately blew up and disappeared below the water.

Shortly afterwards, R.A.F. reconnaissance aircraft reported that the 7,000-ton ship was submerged stern up.

INDO-CHINA RECENTLY TURNED DOWN OFFER BY DEMOCRATIC FRONT

LONDON, JULY 24 (REUTER).—IT IS REPORTED FROM A MOST REPUTABLE SOURCE THAT THE INDO-CHINA AUTHORITIES WERE RECENTLY MADE AN OFFER BY THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT IN THE FAR EAST UNDER WHICH INDO-CHINA WOULD BE ALLOWED TO ENJOY THE PRIVILEGES OF AN AMERICAN-BRITISH-CHINESE-DUTCH FRONT AGAINST FURTHER ENCROACHMENTS FROM OUTSIDE.

It is now obvious that the decision to cold shoulder the entirely passive British offer was dictated by Vichy.

The expansion of the Japanese into South Indo-China does naturally represent a serious potential alteration in the military status quo in the Far East.

Indo-China Parleys Continue No Agreements Yet Signed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, July 24 (UP).—It is announced to-night that the Franco-Japanese conversations continue, but that no decisions have been reached and no agreements have been signed or concluded.

It is stated that the French share in the defence will be the fullest possible with the present strength in the Far East because France cannot send reinforcements.

The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Sotomatsu Kato and the Vice Premier, Admiral Darlan had a long talk late this afternoon. The spokesman later asserted, "The Government has no information and therefore cannot confirm or deny the reports from Saigon that Japanese warships have arrived off Saigon. We cannot affirm or deny the British radio reports that a Franco-Japanese agreement will be signed this weekend."

Complete Agreement

It is evident that there has been a complete agreement in principle on the basis of the thesis that Japan, as a predominant Power, has an equal interest with France in preventing the Chinese or British from planting a base in Indo-China.

The two days' conversations are therefore chiefly technical as to how

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Britain's Good Food Position

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, July 24 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, Major Lloyd George stated that despite the average monthly shipping losses of 110,000 tons during the first year of the war, and 292,000 tons during the year ended June 30, 1941, the stocks of major food commodities are to-day better than they were a year ago, "even better than before the war," he declared.

Followed Up

Later in the day, R.A.F. and Air Arm aircraft followed up the attack on the convoy which then consisted of one 7,000-ton tanker and one

hit the tanker which became a total loss. Another torpedo hit an escorting destroyer, doing severe damage to its stern.

Heavy bombers again attacked Pantellaria on the night of July 22-23, causing a number of explosions on the island. The harbour was also attacked on the previous night with similar results.

All British aircraft returned safely.

However, the immediate seriousness should not be over-estimated. The southern triangular promontory of Indo-China—the nearest point to Malaya—is all under rice and is flooded for some six months in the year so that the nearest point for the establishment of an efficient Japanese air base would be the neighbourhood of Saigon.

Flying Distances

The flying distance from Saigon to Singapore is 600 miles, North Borneo 750 miles and Rangoon 800 miles. As regards naval bases, Saigon could be used immediately but light cruisers can navigate as far as the docks.

The much-vaunted Camranh Bay, on the other hand, is at the moment a rather empty prize. Admittedly it is one of the finest natural harbours in the world with an arm of land jutting out to make it landlocked except for one narrow entrance, and there is water space inside for the navies of the whole world, but it will need years of work before it is of much practical use, except as a temporary anchorage.

Censorship In U.S.

Request By The Navy

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—The Navy Department will ask Congress shortly for legislation authorising the establishment of an office for the international censorship of outgoing cables.

In the testimony made public to-day, Rear-Admiral Ben Moreell, Chief of the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks told the House Appropriations Committee that the President's proclamation of an unlimited emergency "necessitates the establishment by the Navy Department of offices for national censorship in some Naval Districts."

Tokyo Admission

TOKYO, July 24 (Domei).—Commenting on a few cases in recent days in which notices were sent to local residents to come to the Post Office and open the mail addressed to them in the presence of inspectors, the "Japan Times and Advertiser" says that Japan has been very liberal with respect to foreign mail inspection.

"The work is done well and rapidly and with great tact. However, there is bound to be a delay," the paper suggests. Delivery could be expedited if the mail receivers voluntarily give general permission to postal officials to open their mail.

Declaring that the Japanese method of limited mail censorship is being done in a courteous way, the "Times and Advertiser" points out: "In many countries letters are opened willy-nilly and passages are blacked out."

Chinese Contribute To Bomber Fund

A cheque for \$1,762.75 has been received for the Bomber Fund from the Hongkong Chinese Civil Servants' Club, representing half the proceeds from the Variety Theatre on July 11. A similar sum has been remitted through the Bank of China to the Chinese War Charities Fund, care of President Lin Sen, National Government of Chungking. The expenses incurred in connection with the concert, amounting to \$704.72, were borne entirely by the Club.



Direct Hit On Scharnhorst In Battleship's New Hide-Out

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Extensive and successful operations against the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau are announced by the Air Ministry. The communique says: During the last twenty-four hours extensive operations have been undertaken by the Bomber Command against the German battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

Eastern Front War Hungarians & Soviets

Heavy Fighting Reported

VICHY, July 24 (Reuter).—A big advance on the eastern front by Hungarian forces is claimed in the latest Hungarian communique quoted in a Budapest telegram.

The communique says: "During the last few days our troops have advanced several hundred kilometres eastwards amid constant fighting with the Soviet rearwards. Heavy fighting took place on the River Bug. Our shock troops fought with success, notably on July 22 against the enemy who held his ground and resisted strenuously. The enemy sustained big losses in dead and wounded."

Naval Engagement In Channel

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique issued to-night states: "Our light forces operating during the night of July 23-24 in the Straits of Dover encountered an enemy convoy very heavily escorted. During the ensuing engagement, one of the enemy vessels was sunk and others are known to have been severely damaged. We suffered no casualties."

LATEST

Little Damage In Moscow Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, July 24 (UP).—The Information Board to-day stated that in every Nazi raid on Moscow, a few buildings were wrecked, some set afire and there were a small number of human casualties.

He added, "According to the German timetable, they should have taken Moscow long ago. As I stated previously, Hitler will see Moscow when he can see his own ears."

Describing the three air-raids on Moscow, the spokesman said that only three or four per cent of the German planes penetrated the anti-aircraft and fighter defences. The Germans lost ten to eleven per cent of the machines which crossed the frontier enroute to Moscow.

Japanese Warships Sighted

SAIGON, July 24 (Reuter).—Japanese warships are reported off Cap Saint Jacques.

Bombers For Britain

It was announced last week that the 1,000th U.S. made Lockheed-Hudson bomber had been delivered to England. This picture gives some idea of how this magnificent effort has been accomplished. It shows 18 of the Lockheed-Hudson bombers ready for despatch to Britain; they left the factory one morning, making an all-time record for mass-delivery of aircraft.

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Soldiers Face Serious Charge

Pte Herbert Edward May, 22, Royal Army Medical Corps, Military Hospital, Bowen Road, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning with having had carnal knowledge without the consent of a girl named Chan Hoi, on the hillside above Bowen Road near Wanchai Gap Road, on July 23.

Pte Joseph James Toms, R.A.M.C., was charged with being present, aiding and abetting first Defendant in the offence.

Det.-Inspector J. O'Donovan is in charge of the case.

The case was remanded for a week.

Dover Shelled

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, July 24 (UP).—German long-range guns of the French coast shelled the Dover area Thursday night.

Confucius Descendant Passes On

SIAM, July 24 (Central News).—Mr. Kung Hsiang-yung, Chairman of the Yellow River Conservancy Commission and a descendant of Confucius, died of illness here yesterday evening at the age of 52.

The Hongkong Telegraph Eleventh Annual Amateur Photographic Competition

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3.—The prizes will be awarded to the competitors sending in what are adjudged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the period of the Competition, and which must be pasted on back of entry.

4.—The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.

5.—All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been taken elsewhere in other Competitions are ineligible.

6.—No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.

7.—All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted on a card of the size of the photograph.

8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be submitted by a smaller print in black and white.

9.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.

10.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x20.

11.—No entries will be entered into in connection with the Competition.

12.—Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.

13.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.

14.—At the conclusion of the Competition, the winners will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.

15.—The use of aliases is strictly forbidden.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the Register of MEMBERS of the Company will be closed from MONDAY, 4th AUGUST, to MONDAY, 18th AUGUST, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary and Assistant Manager.
Hongkong, 25th July, 1941.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS FOR ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRES IN FREE CHINA

At the request of Madam H. H. Kung and with the support of His Excellency the Governor and under the auspices of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in South China, an appeal is made for funds for the purpose of establishing and maintaining Orthopaedic Centres for disabled soldiers and civilians in China.

Cheques and donations may be sent to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. M. K. Lo, British Relief Fund for Distress in South China, Alexandra Building, marked Orthopaedic Appeal or to the British Relief Fund for Distress in South China, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank marked Orthopaedic Appeal.

NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

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Major Baseball

Cardinals Nose Out Giants 3-2

NEW YORK, July 24 (UP).—St. Louis Cardinals scored a fine victory to-day over the New York Giants in the National Baseball League, winning by the odd run in five.

Scores were:

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New York..... 2 1 0
St. Louis..... 3 1 0

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Local Estate

Local estate sworn under \$30,800 was left by the late Mr. Francis Bathie Winter, banker, who died at Farnham, Suffolk, England, on April 5 last, at the age of 55 years. A petition by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for grant of probate of the will of the deceased has been granted.

Mr. Winter was formerly on the staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank in the Colony.

NUN BURNT TO DEATH AT TAI-O

An 80-year-old Chinese nun was burnt to death and a 13-year-old probationer nun was seriously injured when seven robbers at 1 o'clock this morning forced their way into the Fung Yan Tung Nunnery at Tai-O, herded the nuns into a room, ransacked the building and then set it alight.

All but the elderly Au Sin were able to escape from the burning building.

The robbers took \$70.70 in cash before they set the nunnery afire.

When the flames were seen coming from the building, neighbours rushed to the assistance and put out the fire. So far no report has been made as to the extent of the damage to the building.

The robbers escaped.

APPEASEMENT POLICY BY U.S. HAS KEPT JAPAN OUT OF N.E.I.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TO-DAY DECLARED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN PERMITTING JAPAN TO PROCURE OIL HERE AS A MEASURE OF APPEASEMENT IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE WORLD WAR FROM SPREADING TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

China Fire Insurance Meeting

Mr. G. Miskin presided at the 72nd annual ordinary meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., held this morning at the Company's head office. A dividend of \$12 per share and a bonus dividend of 30 per share, payable on July 25, were approved.

Supporting Mr. G. Miskin were Messrs J. Owen Hughes and K. S. Morrison (Directors), A. H. K. Cobb (General Manager) and the following shareholders: Chan Hung-ching, A. R. Dailah, P. J. Elder, Lam Hing-sun, G. M. Harris, S. H. Hing, S. Mitchell, A. A. da Silva, D. B. Sinclair and M. A. R. Souza.

Mr. G. Miskin said:

There has been some delay this year in holding this meeting, but this is due to delay in mail communications caused by war conditions and as such was unavoidable.

War Problems

I do not propose to refer to the war except in so far as it affects the Company's business. For Marine Underwriters the war has created a number of problems, such as:—

1. Congestion of cargo and the frequent employment of inferior carriers.

2. A deterioration in the methods of packing and handling cargo has also become noticeable. It is unnecessary to go into these items at any length as it is generally recognised that apart from direct war perils the hazards of navigation have increased with a consequent adverse effect on marine underwriting.

To offset this surcharge have been introduced on cargo rates and hull rates have been revised. Our Marine figures are considerably affected by war risk premium but in the uncertain conditions which exist it is not possible to make any forecast as to the result of this part of our business.

Marine Premiums Up

Turning to our published figures you will notice that, after closing the 1939 marine account with the sum of \$276,541.78 transferred to Reserve for Outstanding Losses, which amount I may say should prove sufficient for all outstanding claims, the sum of \$100,840.34 is transferred to Profit & Loss Account, this being the same as last year. The 1940 Marine premium income at \$2,714,235.56 shows a substantial increase, due mainly to marine surcharges and war risk premium. Claims paid on 1940 account amounting to \$933,909.20 represent 23.36 per cent of the marine premium for the year which is a good first year's loss ratio and the position of the 1940 marine account can be considered satisfactory.

Fire Account

In the Fire account there has been some reduction in premium income due to lower rates on certain classes. The loss ratio at 38.68 per cent is satisfactory and the transfer to Profit & Loss Account amounting to \$56,470.59 shows a reduction as compared with previous year. Otherwise the figures of the Fire Account call for little comment.

The Accident and General Account for this year shows a reduction in premium due to some curtailment in commitments. Claims paid show an improved loss ratio at 52.53 per cent and the amount transferred to Profit & Loss Account \$34,503.02 shows a substantial increase as compared with 1939.

Satisfactory Year

You will notice in the Marine and Fire Revenue Accounts that Special Reserves have been made for Outstanding Balances in enemy and enemy-occupied territories and taking the Revenue Accounts as a whole I think Shareholders will agree that the year has been a satisfactory one.

In the Profit & Loss Account the amount received from Interest and Dividends shows an increase at \$458,770.02 while the total of transfers from underwriting accounts also shows an improvement on the previous year. After making provision for the same dividend distributions and setting up a Contingency Taxation Reserve, which is necessary in these times of increased taxation, the balance carried forward shows a substantial increase at \$1,032,764.30.

Personnel

Due to changes caused by war conditions your General Manager, Mr. A. W. Hughes, was obliged to resign on 15th January 1941 and from this date Mr. A. H. K. Cobb was appointed General Manager in his place. I should like at this time to record my thanks to the Staff of the Company who have carried out their duties efficiently and well during a year of stress.

With these remarks I beg to propose the adoption of the Report, Revenue Accounts and Balance Sheet as presented.

Mr. S. Morrison seconded the adoption of the report and accounts which were carried unanimously.

Hon. Mr. S. H. Doddwell and Mr. G. Miskin were re-elected Directors on the proposal of Mr. A. S. Mitchell and seconded by Mr. A. A. da Silva.

Messrs Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs Linsland and Davis were re-elected auditors at a remuneration to be decided by the Directors. This was proposed by Mr. D. B. Sinclair and seconded by Mr. A. R. Dailah.

Seditious Publication Alleged

Chiu Hiu-yun, 26, acting Manager of the Star Publishing Company, of No. 175 Queen's Road Central, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning with unlawful possession of a seditious publication, at the address, on June 28, Defendant was alleged to have in his possession, 500 copies of a publication named "Lun Sim Kik Chin" (Biltzkrig).

C. N. Lou, alias Lau Sin-nim, Manager of the Tai Shing Printing Press, of 114-118 Tunglovan Road and Room No. 400 Holland House, Queen's Road Central, was charged with unlawful printing of a seditious publication at 114-118 Tunglovan Road, on divers dates between May 30 and June 19. Defendant was alleged to have printed 500 copies of a publication named "Lun Sim Kik Chin".

Second Defendant was further charged with printing 1,000 copies of the same publication at the same address and on the same dates.

Sgt. R. Ellis prosecuted. Mr. D. McCallum appeared for first Defendant and Mr. S. K. Lau for second Defendant.

Defendants were remanded to August 1 on bail of \$500.

LONDON, July 24 (British Wireless).—Mr. P. G. Barstow was to-day returned unopposed in the Pontefract by-election caused by the death of Mr. Adam Hills. Mr. Barstow is a member of the Labour Party.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (UP).—Mr. Wendell Willkie in a press interview here to-day advocated a United States embargo on oil shipments to Japan, adding, "in my opinion, such an embargo should have been placed long ago."

Favours Embargo

He declared, "It was very essential from our own selfish viewpoint of defence to prevent the war from starting in the South Pacific. So our foreign policy was trying to stop the war from breaking out down there."

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The President told members of the Office of Civilian Defence that if the United States had not sold oil to Japan, Japan would have moved into the Dutch East Indies a year ago.

"Our foreign policy was trying to halt the war from breaking out down there," he added. However, the President did not indicate whether or not this policy will be changed.

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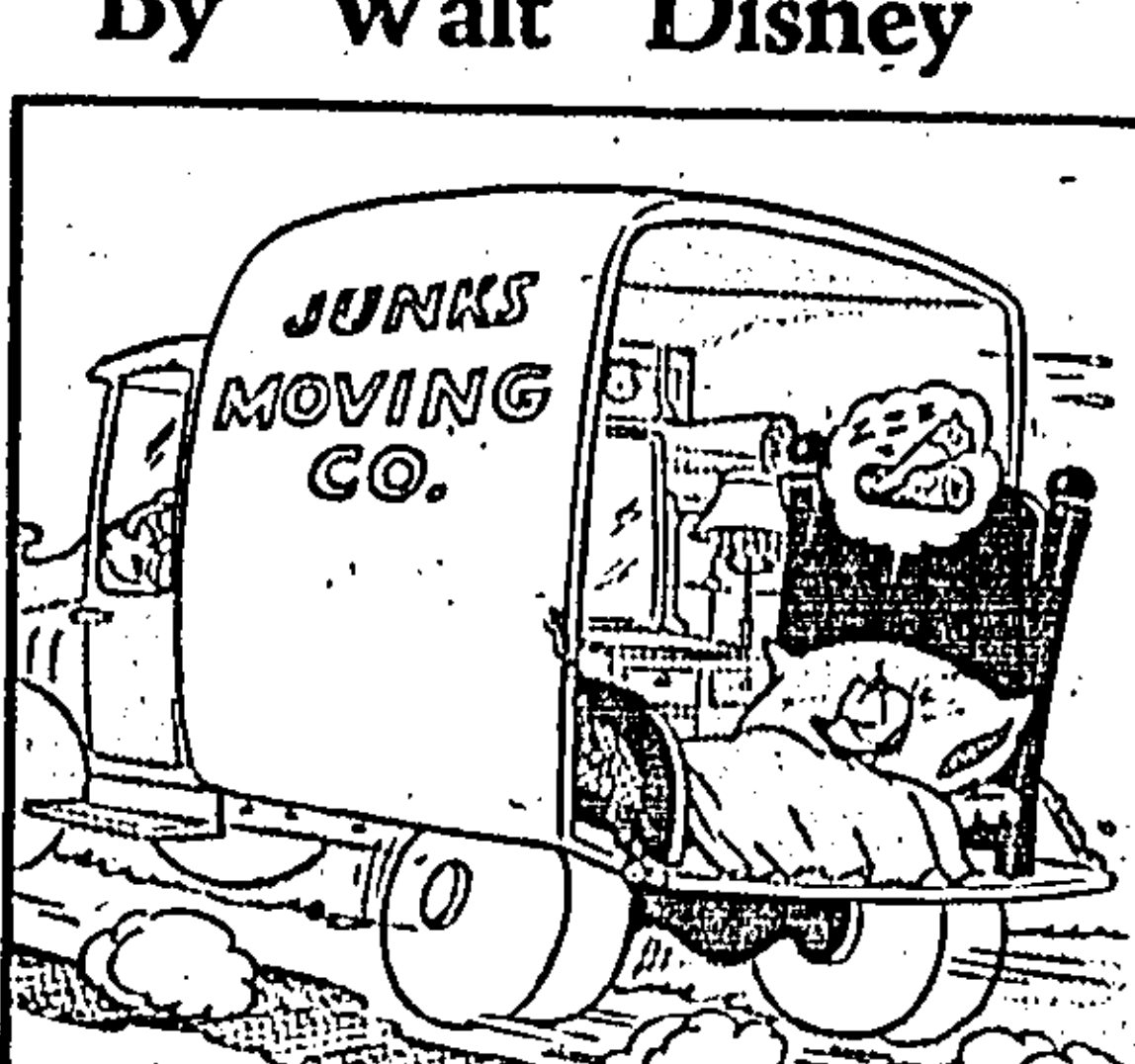
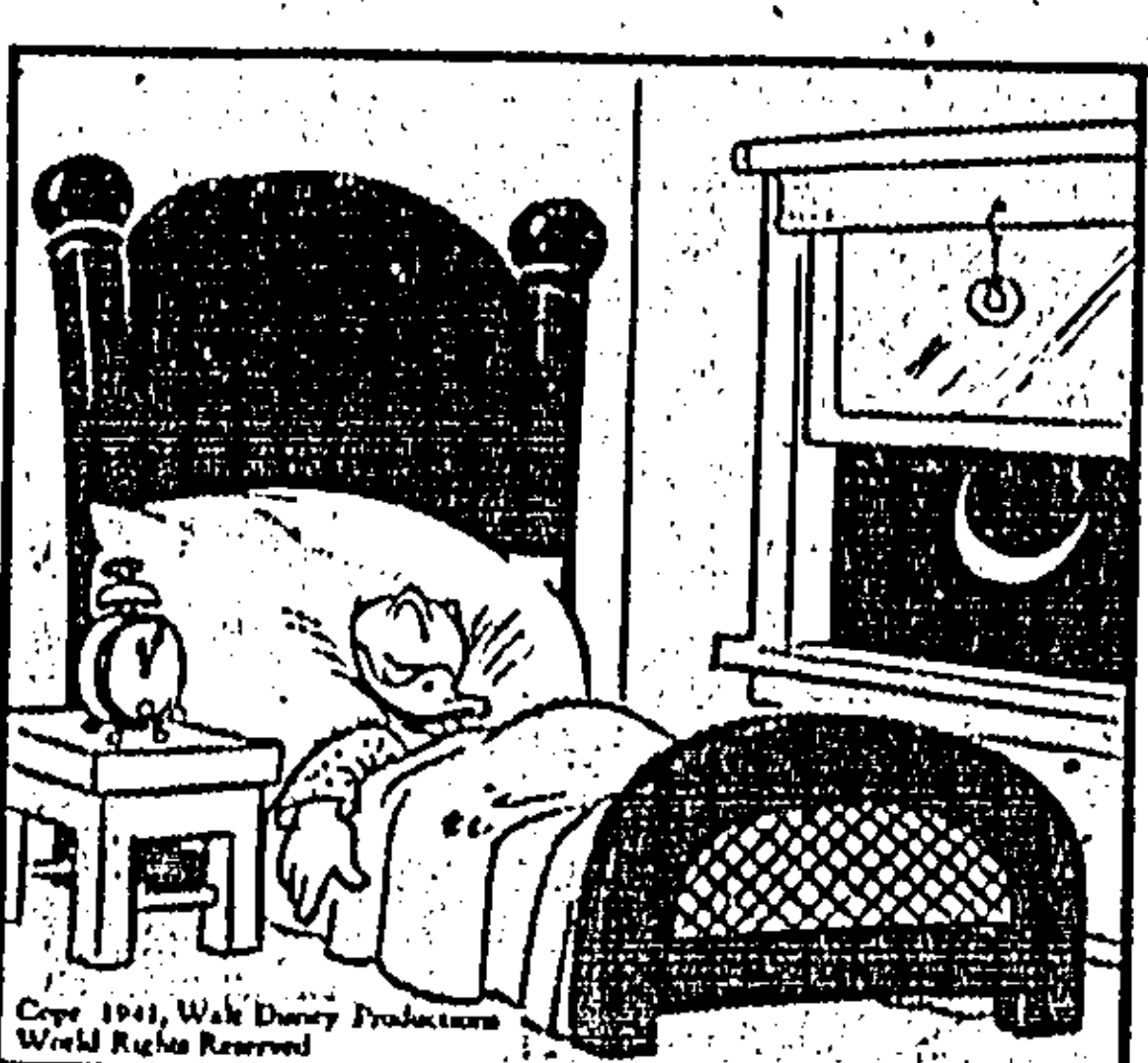
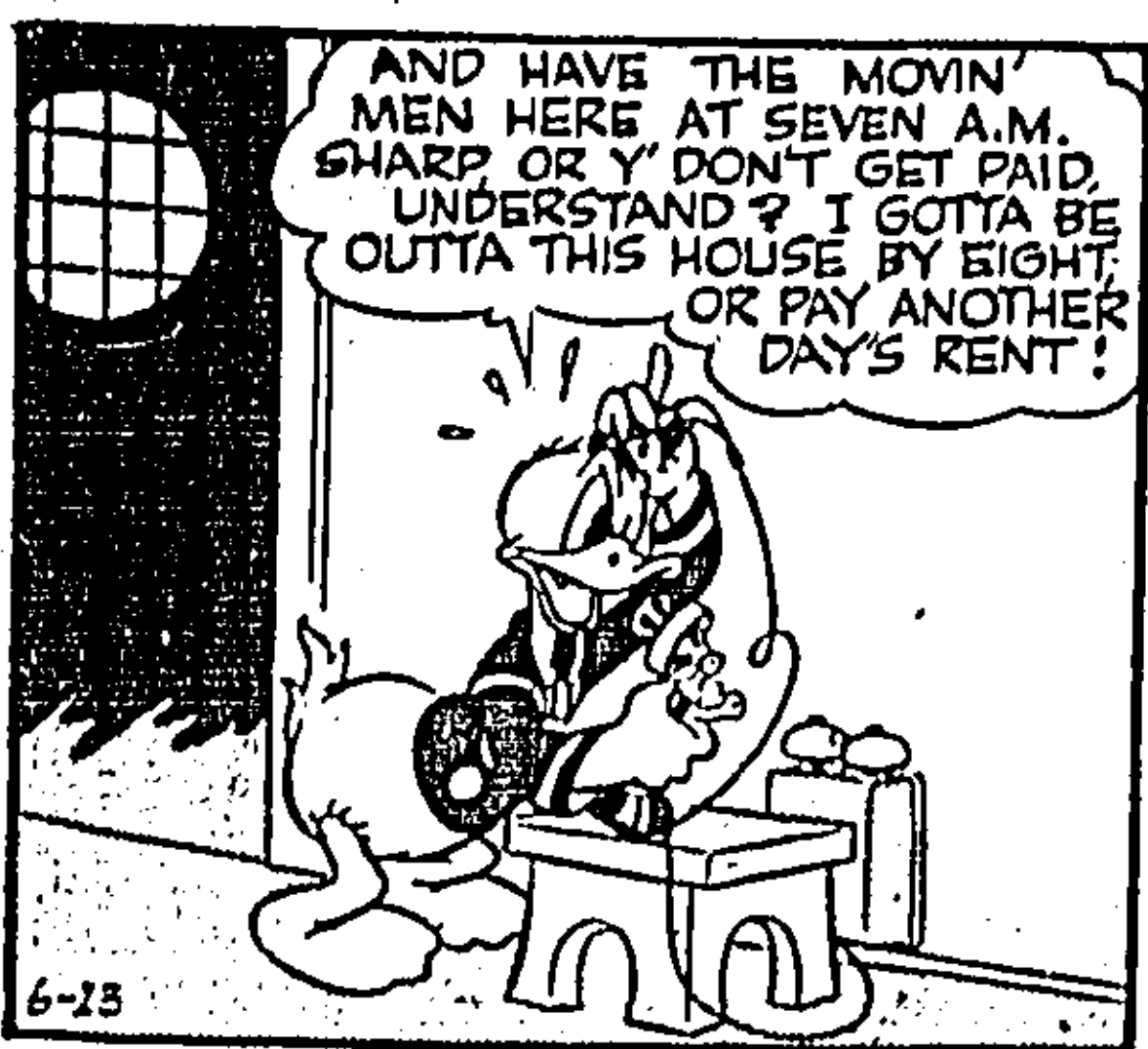
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CONTRACT BRIDGE

The Discard Came Too Soon

EXTRAORDINARY length in a suit in one opponent's hand, with consequent shortness in the other, is responsible for an incalculable number of defeated contracts. A large proportion of such cases, however, can be guarded against by correct technique on the declarer's part. To-day's hand illustrates how much difference a little care makes.

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

♠ 87	♥ J108762	♦ KQ84	♣ 10543
♠ KQJ	♥ 7	♦ N	♣ Q3
♠ 9	♥ AK98	♦ W	♣ J1096
♠ 654	♥ 54	♦ S	♣ 63
♠ A2	♥ 10	♦ A962	♣ J103
	♥ 7	♦ K64	♣ 7

The bidding:
1♥ South
2♥ North
3♥ East
Pass West

West opened the diamond king and after seeing the dummy, switched to the spade king. Declarer won and, in a frenzy to get up a card on which to discard dummy's only losing spade, laid down the diamond queen for the ruffing-finesse through West's marked ace. West covered, all right, but dummy's deuce of trumps was overruled by East's three-spot, a spade came back, and another diamond was overruled with the heart queen. Finally, declarer, had to lose the club ace for the fifth losing trick and a 500 point penalty.

After the opening lead declarer should have seen that not only his contract but an extra trick, as well, were virtually "on ice." He should have laid down the ace of trumps to make certain that all the adverse trumps were not in one hand, carefully preserving dummy's deuce of trumps as a communication card to his own hand. With both opponents following, the king then should be played, after which the diamond queen could be led through in perfect safety. If West should cover, the heart deuce would provide entry to the closed hand for the cashing of the jack and ten of diamonds, on which dummy would discard a spade and a club. Normal play of the club suit then would insure two tricks in the suit. (If West ducked on the lead of South's singleton, dummy would win, and a ruff of the low club would establish the ace.)

Instead of losing 500 points, North-South should have earned 1,140 points.

To-morrow's Hand
North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 8742	♥ KQJ	♦ AKQ	♣ J9653
♠ KQJ	♥ AKQ	♦ K53	♣ 54
♠ 10	♥ 962	♦ W	♣ J9875
♠ 962	♥ Q10	♦ S	♣ 2
♠ Q1098	♥ 7	♦ A10873	♣ 432
	♥ 432	♦ AJ764	♣ 7

How should South play this hand at a contract of six hearts doubled? Opening lead, spade king.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Bunch of birds (5)
- 2—Wife deduction from regular charge (5)
- 3—Beast of burden (5)
- 4—Material basis (5)
- 5—Manufacture over again (5)
- 6—Masculine title of respect (5)
- 7—Hard glossy coating (5)
- 8—One (Scottish) (5)
- 9—Unrelenting pasture land (5)
- 10—Are under obligation to (5)
- 11—Piered period of time (5)
- 12—Largest rodent (5)
- 13—One who employs (5)
- 14—Brief composition (5)
- 15—Evening service of church (5)
- 16—In architecture, back of open fire-hearth (5)
- 17—One with inordinate desire for riches (5)
- 18—Sufferer from dread disease (5)
- 19—Immense slavelike (5)
- 20—Exclamation of interrogation (5)
- 21—Exacted compulsory contribution (5)
- 22—Members of human race (5)
- 23—Wine of France (5)
- 24—Thread-like vein (5)
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DOWN

- 1—Reduce to ash (5)
- 2—Install new lining (5)
- 3—Those who lower (5)
- 4—Specific point of power (5)
- 5—Wife deduction from regular charge (5)
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The Misadventures of a Beautiful Blonde With a Passion to "Help" People



DULCY

Adapted by
RANDALL M. WHITE
From the stage
success by
GEORGE S. KAUFMAN
and
MARC CONNELLY

Synopsis:
Dulcy Ward (Ann Southern), whose "heart" is where her brain should be, is always trying to help people—and missing things up. On the dock where her brother Bill (Dan Dalley, Jr.) has gone to meet Angela Forbes (Lynn Carver) the girl he'd like to marry if her father (Roland Young) would let him, she meets Gordon Daly (Ian Hunter) who is there to pick up a Chinese orphan, "Sneezy" (Donald Hule) that he's agreed to adopt. Dulcy plans a week-end party at the Ward lodge to help Gordon sell an aeroplane motor he's invented and makes Bill invite his future family-in-law because C. Roger Forbes, Angela's father, is head of Forbes Aircraft.

Chapter Three

THE GRIZZLED ATTENDANT on the village boat dock peered again through his binoculars. This time his body stiffened and he looked more closely. Then he crossed deliberately to a small booth, reached in, and pulled a cord. A sudden blast broke loose from a mighty airhorn.

C. Roger Forbes, who had finally been induced to sit down after what he considered an interminable wait since his arrival on the train from New York, leapt up as though he had been shot from a cannon.

"What the devil's the idea?" he shouted.

"Dulcy Ward's coming—and I want to give everyone on the lake an even chance," the attendant answered calmly.

By this time the naked eye could distinguish a speedboat zig-zagging across the lake at a tremendous rate. Bill Ward, hovering in the background with Mrs Forbes and Angela, saw his madcap sister was driving, and had Gordon Daly's little Sneezy at her side.

The airhorn squawked again and again. A middle-aged man, fishing over the side of his boat, hastily reeled in his line as his companion grabbed the oars. A launch, heading out from shore, changed its mind, did a hair-pin turn, and headed in again. Even a brood of ducklings, swimming contentedly with their mother, ducked under the surface and disappeared.

DULCY, MIRACULOUSLY, MISSED EVERYTHING in her path. As she narrowly avoided cutting the landing dock in two and zoomed out in the lake again, Mr Forbes gulped to Bill: "Is that... is that your sister? ... Isn't there any other way we can get to your lodge? I... I don't care much for speedboats!"

"I'm afraid not, Mr Forbes," Bill answered. "But I don't worry. I'll tell Dulcy to drive very carefully." That on her second try Dulcy slid in to a perfect landing, was somewhat reassuring.

"Welcome to Lake Opatowapone-mie," she called out. "So glad you could come!" Angela came in for a bit of special attention.

"And Angela," she said. "You're lovely. Thank goodness you're here. Bill's always had such dreadful taste in girls up to now!" "You'll take it easy, won't you, Miss Ward?" Mr Forbes said nervously as the party and their luggage were being loaded into the boat.

"Don't worry, Mr Forbes—just sit back and relax," replied Dulcy. Bill's instructions were a threatening command. "Drive slowly, do you understand—slowly," he whispered. "My future wife, father-in-law, and mother-in-law are in this boat."

As the boat started out at a pleasant pace, there was every indication that Mr Forbes' request and Bill's command had had their effect upon the driver. "Isn't this lovely?" exclaimed Dulcy—and Mr Forbes replied: "It's a charming spot"—even though he didn't look enough at ease to indicate that he meant it.

"OH, THERE'S MR LEACH," said Dulcy as she pointed ahead to a solemn, saturnine man lying in a canoe tapping intently on a portable typewriter propped up in his lap. "You must have heard of Vincent Leach—one of our most brilliant playwrights. He's a surrealist—absolutely no one understands him. You simply must meet him."

Just then they did! Little Sneezy, bored by the slow pace at which they were returning, while no one was looking, reached down and pulled the throttle on the dash all the way out.

The boat had been levelled on Mr Leach and his canoe. Dulcy might have turned out, at a more leisurely speed, but there was no time now. She did manage to avoid cutting him in two as her craft sprang suddenly forward—but the wash as she passed tumbled the canoe over and Mr Leach, his typewriter, and reams of manuscript were scattered into the lake.

It was the horrified Mr Forbes who saw the playwright come to the surface dazed and spluttering. "Miss Ward!" he shouted. "That man Leach... he's in the water—he's drowning!"

Dulcy picked him up under protest.

"Half my next play was in that boat," he fumed, as he growled onto the narrow deck at the stern. "Well, thank Heaven, it wasn't the whole play. Anyway, the amazing Dulcy. Anyways, maybe it was Fate... maybe the play would have been a terrible flop!" "You've made me feel a whole lot better," Leach hissed through his teeth. It was sheer coincidence that at that very moment, Dulcy stepped on the gas quite suddenly and another wild leap of the boat sent the playwright back into the lake to join his canoe and wait for more reasonable rescuers.

MR FORBES found the lodge an entirely lovely place where the peace and quiet of Nature might well have mended his tattered nerves if Nature, unaided, had been given the chance to let him to join his canoe and wait for more reasonable rescuers.

here," Dulcy began—and the big tired business man trembled. "We start the day with a plunge in the lake. It's icy cold—but you'll love it! Then breakfast and afterwards tennis, golf, badminton, horseback riding—just everything!"

"I'm sure, Miss Ward," Mr Forbes ventured, "that a splendid programme for you younger people but, personally, I'm afraid all I want to do is sit down somewhere and relax. ... You see the doctors tell me—"

"Oh, Mr Forbes," Dulcy bubbled, "the doctors are always making mountains out of molehills. Why, exercise and good fresh air are the best tonics in the world."

WITH EACH PASSING MOMENT Brother Bill was becoming more and more certain that here was another of Dulcy's schemes that was going to backfire!

Henry, the "poor lost soul" whom Dulcy had rescued from the Parole Board, had not yet achieved the prominence of the thoroughly English butler whom he had replaced, but he was loyal—and he had a good strong pair of arms.

Gordon Daly, sitting idly in a small boat with his precious motor model between his knees, could stand it no longer.

"For the last time," he thundered. "I'm ordering you to go back to the house. I tell you Miss Ward's forgotten us!"

Henry had been rowing him around in circles within a little hidden cove for hours. There might have been a physical encounter between the two men had not a "Yoo-hoo, Gordon," unmistakably in Dulcy's voice, saved the situation. Little Miss Elsie pulled up beside them in her speedboat.

"Do you realise this monkey's been rowing me around for hours?" Gordon complained angrily. Dulcy was hurt. "But, Gordon," she pointed, "it was the only way to keep Mr Forbes from seeing you and the motor before the stage was set. It's time now for you to come back."

Gordon and his motor had been transferred to the speedboat. Henry had jockeyed the rowboat around and was about to tie her tow line in the ring at the stern. Slowly a low hum above became distinguishable as the roar of an aeroplane motor. Soon the plane dove in sight, swooping and diving crazily. One sharp glide brought it so close that its construction features could be observed.

"Isn't that a land plane?" Dulcy asked.

"It sure is," answered Gordon wide-eyed, "and it's landing in the water. Go after him, Dulcy—over there around the point!"

HENRY had been looking up at the sky with the rest of them. He was still fiddling with the tow line and the ring at the stern of the speedboat. Dulcy, in quick response to Gordon's command, stepped on the gas. There undoubtedly were in the mind of this "poor lost soul" nostalgic thoughts of the safety of his prison cell as he froze frantically to the stern of the speedboat and became a spread-eagled link between his flying companions ahead and the rowing which he felt he had to drag with his feet to save himself from drowning!

Gordon saw Henry's predicament. "Stop!" he yelled—and Dulcy turned to look back. "Henry, let go! You're slowing us up!" she said. Always obliging, Henry did. When he finally bobbed back to the surface of the lake he spluttered: "I... I can't swim—and they had to take time to fish him out."

The plane was half submerged when they reached it but the pilot whom they found balancing himself gingerly on one of the wings was remarkably calm and unconcerned. He pulled himself into the speedboat quite casually and only shrugged his shoulders when the plane sank completely out of sight.

"What happened—motor trouble?" asked Dulcy. "It's all frightfully embarrassing," this new gift from the sky responded airily as he aloofly, slimy silk handkerchief from one of his water-logged pockets. "The truth of the matter is I completely forgot I was in my land plane. Isn't that silly?" "Permit me to introduce myself," he continued. "I'm Schuyler Van Dyke."

"Not... not the Schuyler Van Dyke?" was Dulcy's amazing response. "I'm Dulcy Ward. We'll be delighted to have you as our guest at the lodge over there."

See what Mr Forbes found in the way of peace and quiet in the next instalment.

Welles Points Reason Why U.S.A. Should Interfere

WASHINGTON, July 24 (Reuter).—Mr Sumner Welles' statement on Japan's aggression is regarded here as indicating clearly that if the Japanese occupation of Indo-China is proceeded with, American action in the economic sphere is very likely.

The failure of Vichy to offer even token resistance or even protest is a handicap to such action, according to some observers, who feel that Vichy is always ready to oppose the British as in Syria but will fight no one else no matter how provoked.

If, therefore, two sovereign states like Japan and France make an agreement, it appears difficult for outsiders to intervene. But one of the most important sections of Mr. Welles' statement dealt with this very problem clearly, indicating that the belief is held by the United States Government that Indo-China is a weak country unable to resist aggression.

This would appear to give America such rights to action as accrue to anyone willing to stay the hand of a bully, especially after the Vichy has so repeatedly and clearly announced an official desire to see the Pacific Ocean status quo maintained.

Endangering U.S. Sources
Mr Welles' belief that Japan is seeking bases for attacks further afield and his frank statement that the Japanese appear to be endangering American national defence supplies are seen here as preliminaries to economic pressure if Japan carries out the occupation of Indo-China.

The fact that he spoke in the name of Britain and the Netherlands East Indies as well as the United States on the subject of their total lack of territorial ambitions in Indo-China has aroused hopes here that some parallel measures will be undertaken by the three nations together if Japan's threats end in action.

Talk And Action
In the past, there has been a notable tendency on the part of Japan to think that America always talks but never acts. But it is felt here that the increasing firmness of American statements of policy on the Far East cannot but end in action if Japan persists in "making changes by duress."

Soviet Capital Safe Till End Of August

A Neutral Prophecy
STOCKHOLM, July 24 (Reuter).—"If the slow rate of the German advance continues, Hitler may not get to Moscow before the end of August," writes the "Handels Tidning" to-day, quoting statements made by a German.

Much of Russia would then remain to be conquered, adds the newspaper. According to German statements, the rate of progress of the German advance during the last 20 days is only half that achieved in the previous ten days.

Confusing Announcement
News of the operations is confusing but perhaps the situation is also confusing. Propagandists, says the newspaper, announce the arrival of German mechanised troops at a certain place, but consolidation by support troops is necessary before a capture can be claimed by the official communiqué while the Russians behind the advance German troops hold up the support troops.

Kiev Still Held
For instance, Kiev was probably reached by some armoured units when this was announced by the Germans. Afterwards larger German units, probably with much loss, forced their way to Kiev which may be encircled. Although the encirclement of Kiev was announced a week ago, it is not yet in German hands.

Similarly the promised giant German sweep from south and north against Leningrad has not materialised, probably because the Russian defence is not so disorganised as the Germans suggest.

Ukraine Unprofitable
Even when the Germans have taken Kiev, they will be merely on the edge of the Ukrainian granary. Until they possess Charkov and its regions, the Germans are hardly likely to derive any real benefit from the resources of the Ukraine and they are a long way yet from Charkov.

Murder Suspected

The body of a Chinese male aged 35 was found this morning by Sergeant Allen of the Police behind the Kowloon godowns. The man's hands were tied behind his back and rope was tightly-tied around his neck. Murder is suspected.

Little Support For Fakir Of Ipi

SIMLA, July 24 (Reuter).—The situation in Waziristan continues to be relatively quiet though sporadic offences against Government troops are reported. The Fakir of Ipi, who is now at Kharra with about ten followers, is continuing his appeals to the various tribes for assistance in his hostile activities. It is understood that appeals to Bakarkhel and Janikhel Waziris have gone unheeded.



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Notice To Indians

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DUTCH AVIATORS FOR ENGLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, July 24 (UP).—Thirty-five Dutch fliers, who are en route to England after completing a training course in Java arrived here to-day aboard the Dutch steamer Tabla.



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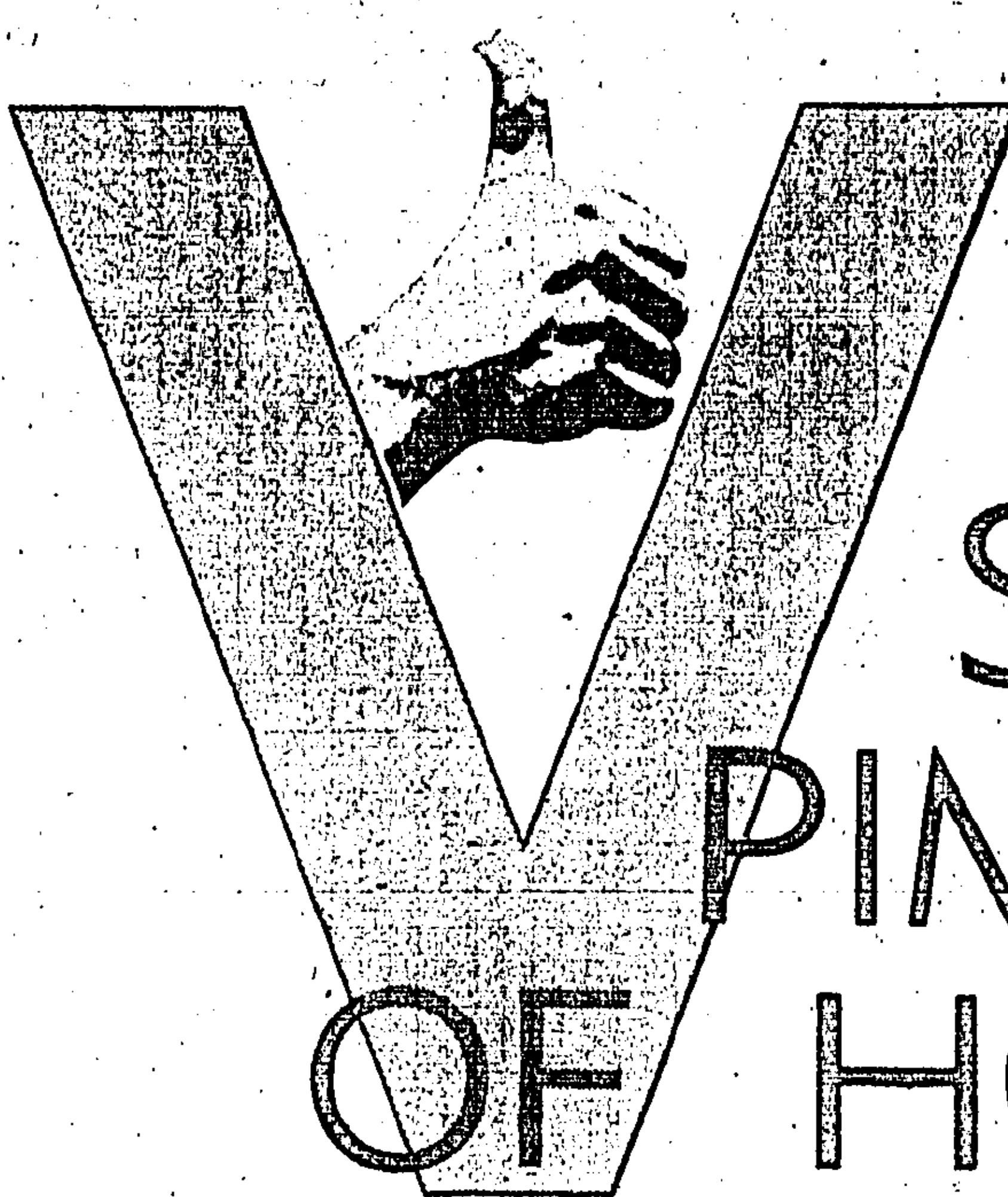
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JAPAN MOVES AGAIN

IN yesterday's maze of reports on the Far East situation ranging from Vichy complacency, Japanese ingratiating, Chinese anxiety, British conjecture and veiled American threats the most surprising was that of the "Reuter" diplomatic correspondent who issued from London one of those effusions so characteristic of Munich days. In essence he says that there is no threat to Britain in Japanese acquisition (for the complete occupation of the country by troops can mean no less) of Indo-China; from what the Japanese have so far announced of their intentions there is nothing to fear although not only Britain but all the Dominions will "watch the situation very closely."

The Japanese Consul General in Singapore was so emphatic of the Japanese "peace move" that he forgot to point out that such purity of motive could easily have withstood the light of previous publicity and might conceivably have had Anglo-American approval if a procedure had been adopted bearing fewer marks of the Hitlerian doctrine of fear, compulsion and disregard of the pledged word.

All this can be said of the ethical considerations. As for the practical side there is no doubt that Japan courts our animosity by putting out such stories as a British threat to Indo-China. Whether her wild and woolly ambitions with regard to the New Order in Asia have been cast in a definite mould yet is still uncertain but British defence preparations in Malaya, the unprepared state of Camranh Bay and the fast-building volunteer air force being gathered in Free China will weigh heavily against any more aggressive designs. The economic weapon too can be wielded heavily by all democratic interests in the Far East. If Japan's real desire is to restore peace in the Far East there are so many obvious ways of going about it that will really be effective, that it would require a book and not merely this column to enumerate them.



News dispatches in the past week have told of the spontaneous and widespread display of the "V" sign for Victory in the occupied countries in Europe. As the symbol of the forces which are at work to free the overrun populations, it is one of Hitler's biggest headaches. Read below of Dutch patriotic resistance, and the work of the

SCARLET PIMPERNEL OF HOLLAND

By **GEORGE SLOCOMBE**

TO-DAY, a little over a year after the treacherous Nazi invasion of the Low Countries, an unknown Dutchman has taken up the challenge to Germany where France's greatest soldier abandoned it.

This unknown Dutchman, as if in silent reproach to the once-glorious Marshal Petain, author of the immortal phrase, "They shall not pass," is called by his followers "Colonel Verdun."

His real name is unknown. Whether he fought at Verdun—and it is possible, since there were Dutchmen in the French Foreign Legion who fought there—is also not known. He may be a soldier or a civilian.

From his unconventional methods, it is clear that he is no blind adherent to the classical precepts of warfare. But this man, from his secret headquarters somewhere on the banks of the Maas, is now directing the most brilliant, desperate, and successful war against the legions of armed Germans in Holland.

His exploits recall those of the famous "Beggars of the Sea," who in the sixteenth century harried and harassed the Spanish soldiers of Philip II., and with their flotilla of small boats burned enemy shipping, slaughtered enemy garrisons, and finally in three months besieged and captured every Spanish port in the Netherlands save Amsterdam.

QUEEN WILHELMINA, in a recent broadcast from BBC, said:—

"In the Netherlands my people have found ways to hamper the invader—ways of which I cannot tell you here, but of which daily I have fresh evidence.
"Hitler has succeeded in invading Dutch territory; he has never succeeded in invading the Dutch spirit."

GRIN AND BEAR IT By **Lichty**



"Stop showing off you're in the Army, Phil—those potatoes have been peeled properly!"

the German army of occupation impossible by all imaginable means.

THE methods imagined range from the crudest to the subtlest, but all have the implacable intention of exterminating the enemy. German soldiers are killed in ambush or are pushed after nightfall into the many convenient Dutch canals. Railway trucks, roads and bridges are destroyed.

A German munition train bound from the Krupp works at Essen to a destination on the Dutch coast was mined and blown up. Near Rotterdam a merchant vessel completed under Nazi orders was launched, only to capsize immediately. Factories on war work are sabotaged. At Arnhem stores of German weapons were broken into and plundered.

And against the German soldier individually and collectively the powerful, silent weapon of social ostracism, contempt, and boycott is exerted without ceasing.

The same condemned school teacher declared: "We are not so much a terror organisation as an organisation ready to assist the British when they land in Holland." Forty-two other members were tried. Eighteen were sentenced to death and 19 to long prison terms. All denied any knowledge of their leaders.

DURING the trial it was revealed by the German prosecutors that information had been systematically collected for the use of the Royal Air Force. Details of German military movements, troops and arms concentrations had been communicated by members of the organisation.

The prosecuting counsel also alleged that German soldiers had been killed by poisoned pencils, drawing pins, and drinks.

I AM told that "Colonel Verdun" and his followers are neither Socialists nor Communists. Most of them appear to be middle-class intellectuals. They are clearly men of the highest courage and patriotism, who are well versed in the history of their country's long struggle against the Netherlands Spaniards.

Their mysterious leader, by his intimate knowledge of German mentality and of the inner councils of the Nazi leaders, recalls the powerful intelligence and far-seeing patience of the great William the Silent, whose agents regularly intercepted and decoded the secret correspondence between the Spanish regents in the Netherlands and the Ministers of Philip II.

"Colonel Verdun" is evidently destined to play an even more influential role in the second year of Nazi occupation.

His organisation is, in fact, the spearhead of the future British invasion of the enemy occupied territories.

If the war is ever to be carried into Germany itself, it can only be by the their instructions and courage of the populations of the Low Countries. Their task is to greet the arriving and to code, the gen-speed the parting (and unwanted) oral character guest.

of which was explained to me, but may not be revealed here.

At a mass trial of members of the organisation held recently at the High Court of Justice at The Hague, a 43-year-old Dutch teacher who had been known in Holland, despite the rigid Nazi ban on all references to it in the Dutch Press, to death.

But Middelburg, not Rotterdam, was the theatre of the Nazi invasion of Holland. It was one of the most ancient and picturesque towns of the Dutch cities, and it was, although of almost completely razed to the ground, as its object to make the life of never forgive.

U.S. READY TO TAKE SWIFT ACTION IF JAPAN'S MOVE BECOMES THREAT

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—United States authorities are awaiting reports regarding the extent, nature and purpose of the Japanese ultimatum to Indo-China before placing in effect any economic counter-measures. There is every indication in Government quarters that these economic reprisals will come swiftly once the nature of the Japanese move is determined. There is no hint, however, that the Japanese occupation will bring about an armed clash with the United States.

How We Bluffed Italians And Kept Sudan Intact

KHARTOUM, July 24 (Reuter).—The story can now be told of how only 2,000 trained troops of a man and half per mile of frontier stood between Italy's huge East African army and the valuable prize of Sudan when Italy entered the war last year.

Skilful bluffing, coupled with some inherent weakness on the part of the Italians, succeeded in preventing the Italians from making an advance on Sudan when it lay within their grasp.

A small force of British troops, by marching and counter-marching and by daring raids into enemy country, succeeded in creating a definite impression upon the Italian General Staff that the latter were opposed by 15,000 trained troops as shown by captured documents.

The stories spread built up this impression upon the Italian mind so that the great Italian army of nearly 250,000 men contented itself with timid raids.

Kassala Instance
One captured document shows that when the Italians attacked Kassala, which was defended by only 200 men, their operation maps pictured a whole series of non-existent British battalions and batteries.

Italian agents found it very difficult to cross into Sudan. From loyal border tribes (called by Rudyard Kipling "Fuzzy Wuzzies") bands were organised to police the marshes. They quickly picked out spies and handed them over to the authorities.

The Italians were thus unable to pierce the screen of British defences and themselves remained on the defensive until the arrival of Indian troops enabled the British to take the offensive.

SHANGHAI FLOODED

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Central News).—Shanghai was flooded knee-deep to-day as the result of a heavy rainstorm. Torrential rains which began to fall at dawn, converted many low-lying districts, such as the Shanghai Race Course, into veritable lakes.

Tramway and bus traffic in both the International Settlement and the French Concession was suspended, while rickshaw pullers did a roaring business.

Turks Shoot Nazi Down

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—After repeated warnings, Turkish anti-aircraft batteries opened fire and shot down a German plane which flew over the fortifications on the border of Eastern Thrace, says an Istanbul dispatch to the Independent French Agency.

The German plane fell into the Black Sea, all members of the crew being killed.

Eire Bombed

DUBLIN, July 24 (Reuter).—Bombs dropped from "unidentified" planes were reported in a statement issued by the Eireann Government Information Bureau this afternoon, which states: "About 1.20 a.m. to-day, a number of bombs were dropped by unidentified aircraft in the vicinity of Dundalk, County Louth. There were no casualties and only minor damage was reported."

Soviet And Dutch E. I.

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—The Soviet Ambassador, M. Ivan Malsky, this afternoon called on the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs, Dr E. N. van Kleffens, to discuss certain economic questions.

Americans Returning From Europe

MADRID, July 24 (Reuter).—A party of 205 Americans, mostly Consul officials, has arrived at San Sebastian from France and Germany. Sixteen American ambulance drivers accompanied them. They were passengers in the ill-fated Egyptian liner Zamzam, which was torpedoed by a German submarine and were recently released by the Nazis after being detained some ten weeks at Itzehaya.

All the Americans are proceeding to Lisbon where they will call for the United States.

SPLendid FILM

'Forty Thousand Horsemen' Gala Performance

Every seat was occupied last night at the gala performance of the Australian epic film "Forty Thousand Horsemen." His Excellency the Governor attended and was received by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, who entertained a large party. Mr S. T. Williamson was also host to a large number of leading residents.

The film deals with the work of the famous Australian Light Horse in Palestine during the last war, and is exceptionally well produced. The colour and dash of the troops provides many a thrilling spectacle, especially the charge in the final scene when men and horses sweep down desert dunes to capture a town held by the Turks. The speed and action is at times truly remarkable, portraying daring and superb horsemanship. Romance and humour are not lacking, and the Australian film industry is to be congratulated upon the high standard achieved.

Commonwealth's War Effort

"Australia Marches With England," a splendid pictorial record of the Commonwealth's war effort, is also screened. The film provides an impressive insight into the great part being made by the Australian people in their contribution to the war effort. Shipyards, blast furnaces, the manufacture of every calibre of shell, war planes, tanks, guns of all descriptions, are all shown being turned out in countless quantities. The effect is stimulating, and evokes surprise and admiration that in so short a time, Australia should have become such an organised centre for the production of the munitions of war.

Free French Opposition To Cession

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—"Free France will never recognise the cession of French Colonies to which the Vichy Government has agreed," says a statement issued by the director of the Political Affairs of Free France referring to the agreement with Japan concerning Indo-China.

The statement, issued in London, declared that the agreement delivers Indo-China in advance to Japan and expresses the indignation of the French people regarding "this fresh squandering of the national heritage."

The statement recalls that in March, General de Gaulle and the Council of Defence of the French Empire declared that any cession by Vichy, particularly in the case of Indo-China, would be considered null and void.

Vichy's Pretext

It then continues that "The Vichy Government decided to fight the Free French and British in Syria in Indo-China they offer no resistance to the ambitions of Japan. The Japanese sovereignty over Tonkin last September and vast territories of Cambodia and Laos were ceded to them in March."

After declaring that Vichy had used Japanese intervention as a pretext for trying to incite French public opinion against Britain and China the statement continues: "The new cession takes place on the very day following Marshal Petain's solemn undertaking to defend all the territories of the French Empire. Vichy has never ceased voluntarily or otherwise to be an instrument of the Axis."

A comparison of the Vichy attitude in Indo-China and Syria furnishes proof of this.

"The alleged sovereignty of the Vichy Government is no longer anything more than fiction which exclusively serves the interests of Germany."

JAPANESE SHIPS TAKE ALARM

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (Reuter).—Over 40 Japanese ships bound for United States ports are reported to be lying off shore as a result of Mr Sumner Welles' statement denouncing Japan as an aggressor in Indo-China.

Whatever step the United States may take in reacting to the new situation is being weighed cautiously. The Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Walter George, predicted that there would be no precipitous move. He advocated a purely United States policy in the Far East and no joint Anglo-American action unless it be to American interests.

Mr Welles, the Under Secretary of State, emphasised to-day that there was no truth in the recurrent reports that Britain and America would confront Japan with a united course of action involving both economic and military measures. Mr Welles will meet the Australian Minister, Mr Richard Casey late to-day, presumably to get the latter's views on Far Eastern developments.

Conflicting Views

LONDON, July 24 (UP).—The apparently conflicting views in three British authoritative circles regarding Japan's action in Indo-China today left newsmen bewildered regarding Britain's real attitude.

An authoritative military commentator stated that the Japanese move is not a military threat against Singapore. A political commentator asserted that "Britain is greatly concerned by these events," while a naval reviewer stated "Japan's action cannot be considered a defensive measure."

While expressing Britain's grave concern, one authoritative political commentator directed his main attack against Vichy, saying, "There appears to be a feature in Vichy's collaboration with the Axis that should abstain from any steps to defend her Empire against encroachments by the Axis powers."

No Limit To Humiliation

"There seems to be no limit to the humiliation which Vichy is prepared to suffer in pursuit of its policy. There is no reason to doubt that the ports of Japanese pressure on Vichy with a view to forcing concessions in Indo-China."

"The developments did not take Britain by surprise. The statement of the Vichy spokesman suggests that Vichy has enjoyed the prospect of accepting Japanese 'protection' against an entirely imaginary British intention of aggression."

"Britain is in close consultation with the United States and her Dominions. We are all watching the situation very closely and exchanging information regarding it."

Tokyo Press Comment

TOKYO, July 24 (UP).—The "Nichi Nichi" commenting on the reports that the United States is likely to enforce a complete economic blockade on Japan depending on the future changes in the Far Eastern situation to-day asserted that the United States would be the harder hit.

It pointed out that Japan's recent oil purchases were mostly from California and therefore, the California oil industrialists who are now carrying out 40 per cent production cut would receive a heavy blow.

Chungking Statement

CHUNGKING, July 24 (UP).—Asked whether or not China and Britain are considering any joint operations in view of the Japanese action in Indo-China, a military spokesman stated that it depends on whether Britain requests such action, adding that China will fight if her borders are threatened.

Informed circles believed that the strengthening of her border defences and also an offer of co-operation to Britain would be China's answer to the Japanese move in Indo-China.

Peru-Ecuador Fighting Is Resumed

LIMA, July 24 (Reuter).—All day fighting in the disputed Peruvian-Ecuadorian frontier zone is reported in a communique issued to-day by the Peruvian Foreign Office.

"The battle which began yesterday morning in front of the Peruvian posts of Argua, Verdes and Matucana continued today," states the communique. "Fighting was especially bitter in Argua Verdes and Las Palmas sectors. The Ecuadorians were repulsed, the Peruvians pushing them to retire and destroying their gun emplacements."

The Peruvian Foreign Office emphasises that fighting took place first on the left bank of the Zarumilla River and then continued on the right bank, which, it contends, would prove that the Ecuadorians attacked first.

Ineffective Bombing Of North Ireland

BELFAST, July 24 (Reuter).—A few enemy aircraft were over Northern Ireland in the small hours of this morning. Some bombs were dropped which caused neither damage nor casualties, states a communique issued by the Northern Ireland Ministry of Public Security.

Britain Touching Bottom Of Man-Power Reservoir

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Another three million men and women are to be registered for industrial and national service in Great Britain between August 2 and December 6.

The Ministry of Labour and National Service to-day announced that in addition to the women born in the years 1910 to 1916, Mr Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, has had to register, under the Registration for Employment Order, men born in 1895, 1896 and 1897.

It is understood that the urgency for additional manpower for both the forces and munition works is such that it may be necessary in the near future again to revise the schedule of reserved occupations and to raise the age of reservation in some groups.

Men up to the age of 50 and women up to 40 will come under the registration scheme early next year. Much more drastic concentration of industry and cutting down of less essential employment may be resorted to in order to push the nation's war effort to the greatest possible momentum.

Nearly 595,000 men were registered in the 1895, 1896 and 1897 classes. About 100,000 have so far been selected for interview and about 40,000, already on work of national importance, are now available for transfer to more urgent work.

Inadequate Results

The Ministry states that these results, although reflecting the willingness of many to play their part, are wholly inadequate when judged in relation to the total demands. Much more drastic action may be necessary, and men in age groups beyond those mentioned are likely to have to register.

It will be essential for employers throughout industry to be prepared to substitute female for male labour. The stage in manpower requirements has been reached where the country can no longer afford men to doing jobs that can be done by women.

No can their services be spared for work that is not essential to the war effort or to civil life and the well-being of the community.

In addition to replacing men in industry, hundreds of thousands of women are required for the various Women's Auxiliary Services.

Vichy Crawl Performed In Hanoi

HANOI, July 24 (Reuter).—An editorial, presumed to have been inspired, in the Hanoi daily "Le Volante Indo-Chinois" makes the first public reference to the contemplated agreement giving Japan bases in southern Indo-China.

Emphasising that the agreement is not directed against any one country and that the agreement is only temporary, the daily asserts that the question of French authority in Indo-China is not affected.

Strategic Base

The "Volante Indo-Chinois" emphasises the geographical position of Indo-China on the way to the N.E.I. and Singapore and points out that the Japanese policy of southward expansion cannot be continued from such distant bases as Hainan, Formosa, Occupied China or Japan. The agreement is said to have been reached direct between Vichy and Tokyo and dictated by the French wish to prevent Indo-China becoming a battle-ground "even at the expense of certain concessions which may appear momentarily painful."

Tokyo Presents News

TOKYO, July 25 (Reuter).—The "Yomiuri Shimbun" under a Vichy dateline featured on Page 1 a picture of Marshal Petain quoted as saying: "We must defend our overseas colonies for France against Britain whose attitude is becoming increasingly aggressive." The "Times Advertiser" featured on Page 1 a "Nichi Nichi" story captioned "Indo-China Sees Collaboration with Japan as the only Salvation."

An article by Mr. Hajime Fujikura, the "Nichi Nichi" financial editor, criticised the French for failing to co-operate with Japan, even after signing an economic agreement, adding: "Admiral Decoux and Staff well know that the advance of British troops and de Gaulle forces into Syria means a British challenge against Vichy and they do not entertain wrong views as to what the Indo-China Government should do in the Far East. Admiral Decoux might have one thought of ways to check Japan and rapprochement with the de Gaulle regime but to-day, Decoux made influential leaders in Vichy, promise their loyalty to Vichy."

Tokyo Stock Market Weakens

TOKYO, July 25 (Reuter).—The stock market weakened yesterday following receipt of reports that Singapore had ordered the arming of all merchantmen and that Washington was considering an embargo on United States exports to Japan and the freezing of Japanese funds.

The "Chugai Shogyo" declares that Britain, the United States and Russia are adopting an economic stand against Japan. There are indications, says the paper, that America is involving a complete economic blockade against Japan. Japan should be prepared for a tripartite economic blockade, the paper adds.

WHEELER ACCUSED

Almost Treasonable Act, Says Stimson

WASHINGTON, July 24 (Reuter).—Senator Burton K. Wheeler has posted postcards to Army officers and men urging them to oppose United States entry into the war.

This was stated by the Secretary of War, Colonel Henry Stimson, at a press conference to-day.

Colonel Stimson declared: "I think this comes very near to the line of subversive activity against the United States. It is not treason." The cards went out postage free. Colonel Stimson said: "One million cards were printed in the Government printing office but labelled 'Not printed at Government expense.'"

Marshall's Definition

Colonel Stimson continued: "When such appeals are addressed to soldiers, the action crosses the line of what General Marshall has called sabotage."

General Marshall had previously described as sabotage attempts to induce officers and men to oppose the extension of their active duty.

Congress is at present debating a measure extending this duty.

China Fighting Reports

Foohow Encounter

NANPING, July 24 (Central News).—A Japanese column pushing southward from Foohow has been halted back. Chinese troops in pursuit have passed through Tangchih, south of Foohow, and are pressing further forward.

Another Japanese column driving westward from Futsing, 30 miles south of Foohow, has been halted in the vicinity of Tungchang, west of Futsing, and is being subjected to intensified attacks by the Chinese.

Fleet Air Arm

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
UNDISCLOSED BASE, July 24 (Domest).—The aircraft of the Yangtze Fleet early this morning made a surprise raid on Chitsun, 30 miles south of Anking, in southern Anhwei Province, and blasted the ordnance depot of the Chinese 14th Division, the Central China Fleet Command announced.

Of their flight to the base, the Japanese planes also bombed Chinese junk carrying war supplies on Pailu Lake, the communique further announced.

Guerilla Base

Liang Shan Po in west Shantung where "Sung Kiang, the Chinese 'Robin Hood' of the Sung Dynasty hid-out his blood brothers had their hide-out is now used as a base by Chinese guerrillas according to a Chungking report published in the "Tsun Wan Man Po."

It is said that a Chinese guerrilla force composed of about 3,000 Chinese peasants and reformed bandits occupying the 800-foot strategic hill there has had no fewer than 100 encounters with the Japanese and has successfully repelled six so-called mopping-up campaigns launched by the Japanese.

Frequent surprise raids have been staged by the guerrillas against the Japanese in the villages and towns in the neighbourhood resulting in the seizure of considerable quantities of enemy provisions, arms and ammunition. On one occasion they killed some 300 Japanese and captured three field guns, and 18 machine-guns.

Willkie For Action

Republican Leader's Warning To Japan

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24 (Reuter).—Declaring that the defence of freedom "must be a positive thing," Mr Wendell Willkie, speaking at San Francisco to-night, said: "Hitler has challenged our freedom. We cannot wait in a corner for him to strike at throw Hitler off his guard—to bewilder him. We must force him to take the count."

Mr Willkie pointed out that positive defence involves great sacrifices. He called for aid to China to divert the energies of Japan and for doubling and redoubling American aid to Britain.

Additional Base

Additional air and naval bases should be acquired to protect the North Atlantic supply lines and ship and airplane courses in the South Atlantic should be guarded in order to prevent German moves through Spain and Portugal, Mr Willkie said. "Totalitarianism thus surrounded the North and South oceans, it will begin to recede. History proves that such forces survive only in expansion."

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Items Of Interest To Swimmers

Combined Gala Postponed To August 9

Lai Tsun To Entertain University And V.R.C.

For The Improvement Of Diving

(By "Tinker")

DECISION TO POSTPONE the combined European Y.M.C.A.-V.R.C. and Combined Chinese Clubs swimming gala from July 26 to August 9 has been confirmed at a meeting of Club representatives.

There have been no changes in the list of events, and these have already been published.

On August 2, the V.R.C. holds an intra-Club gala. All events are on handicap.

Programme is:
1. Women's "B" Class 100 yards free-style; 2. Members "B" Class 100 yards free-style; 3. Boys 50 yards breast-stroke; 4. Women's "A" Class 50 yards free-style; 5. Members "A" Class 100 yards free-style; 6. Boys 100 yards back-stroke; 7. Girls (beginners) 25 yards free-style; 8. Members 100 yards breast-stroke; 9. Women's 25 yards back-stroke; 10. Boys 50 yards free-style; 11. Relay, 4 x 50 yards free-style; 12. Diving; 13. Water-polo.

LAI Tsun swimmers are not remaining inactive. They have arranged to entertain the University Swimming Club at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on August 2, and are proposing their return engagement with the V.R.C. for August 16.

The latter date is not definite, for it has yet to be submitted to the V.R.C. for their approval. It should fit into the V.R.C. time table nicely, for it will come after the Combined gala and before the Inter-Schools Meet on August 23.

As regards the University, the events, that is, the competitive events, will be confined to men for the women undergraduates have shown no inclination or ability in this direction. But interspersing the events will be some Club races for women members.

CONSIDERING the amount of swimming that goes on in the Colony, the shortage of really good divers is surprising, for when done in proper style, there is no more graceful spectacle in any sport.

Dives that are shown on the screen, for instance, are of breathtaking beauty, and though they are usually performed by world champions or prospective champions, it just shows what can be done from the boards.

The Shanghai Amateur Swimming Association, at the instigation of G. J. Grick, foremost of their divers, have simplified their championship programme in order to attract more competitors for their title events.

Their new regulations require only three compulsory dives instead of the customary four, with four optional dives. The three are the front header, the back dive and the back jack-knife. Those that require greater practice such as the half-twist, are eliminated.

I may be wrong in advancing the opinion that women make the better divers, but they certainly have the more graceful flight through the air. The secret may be in the suppleness of their bodies, and this is something that is lacking here.

There is too much rigidity about local divers. They perhaps concentrate on the arched body or the straightness of limbs to such a degree that there is often only tenseness revealed in their lines. Look at the pictures above and note how seemingly lax are the muscles when the body is in flight.

Lumbering exercises on the gymnasium mat are a great help.

PROGRAMME for the Inter-Schools gala organised by the V.R.C. for August 23 has already been published, and there is little to add. The object of the meeting is to encourage the younger swimmers in Hongkong.

There are seven events for senior boys and seven for the juniors, with five for girls. There are no qualifications for the seniors, but juniors must be 15 years of age or under and also 5 ft 1 in or under in height.

Juniors may compete in the senior events but not for both classes, by which I presume is meant that a boy cannot swim in both the senior and junior 100 yards, for instance.

The seventh rule of the competition is also somewhat jumbled. It reads: "No swimmer may compete in more than two individual events except in diving and relays. A relay is not an individual event, but what is meant, I gather, is that no swimmer may take part in more than two races (there are four), the diving and the relays, which are the only other events, not being included in the restriction. That is, a swimmer can swim in any two events and still take part in the diving and relays.

Heats will be swum off on August 18 and 19, and final meeting of representatives will be held at the V.R.C. on August 8 at 8 p.m.

Lawn Bowls

Brilliant Win For Gowland And McCutcheon Abbas And Dallah Beaten In Pairs Championship

BIGGEST UPSET of the Lawn Bowls Championships to date was the surprise victory of C. Gowland and McCutcheon over M. R. Abbas and A. R. Dallah 23-17 in the Pairs competition at the Hongkong Football Club yesterday. The consistent form of the winners put an end to the hopes of the I.R.C. pair, who were considered by many to have had a chance for the title.

Other games yesterday were:

At C.S.C.C.

H. Spong and E. Levett beat L.C.R. Souza and M. J. Medina 24-10.

A. E. Perry and J. M. Jack beat K. M. and S. M. Rumjahn 22-10.

THE FULLEST CREDIT must go to the winners of the game at the Hongkong F.C. They were not, perhaps, so convincing over the long heads, but generally they had the measure of their redoubtable opponents and always succeeded in upsetting the latters' calculations.

Though the difficulties beset both pairs, it must be said here that the Football Club green was far from being one on which to play a Championship game. There was only one side on which it was possible to draw, the other being most tricky and generally bumpy.

Gowland was the better of the winning couple, and held Abbas on most heads. The Prison Officers showed a preference for the medium and short heads, while the Indians on all occasions threw the full distance.

Dallah's heavy woods, which normally would be of great assistance in a pairs game, were strangely inaccurate, and this could be attributed to the bumpiness of the green.

In McCutcheon, however, he met a junior opponent who was well up to standard, and on at least two occasions the Prison Officer sent down beauties, once to save six and the other to save three.

The first of the saving woods was on the 6th end, when, after leading 5-0 the P.O.C. pair had been forced to level terms. Abbas and Dallah lay six, and McCutcheon with his tricky side to come within an ace of winning the shot. He took a second shot and permitted only one for the opposition.

Scores were:

Gowland & McCutcheon 3, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0, 0, 4, 2=24

Abbas & Dallah 0, 0, 0, 3, 1, 1, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2=17

Last Heads Victory

IT WAS ONLY over the last two heads that H. C. Spong and E. Levett accounted for L. C. R. Souza and M. J. Medina, for on the 10th the Craigenkower pair had drawn up to 16-18 after being led 17-7 on the 14th. Then came a 4 for the K.B.G.C. players which put them in a six-shot lead which clinched the game.

Scores were:

Spong & Levett 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 3, 0, 0, 3, 1, 1, 0, 1, 2=24

Souza & Medina 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0, 0, 0=10

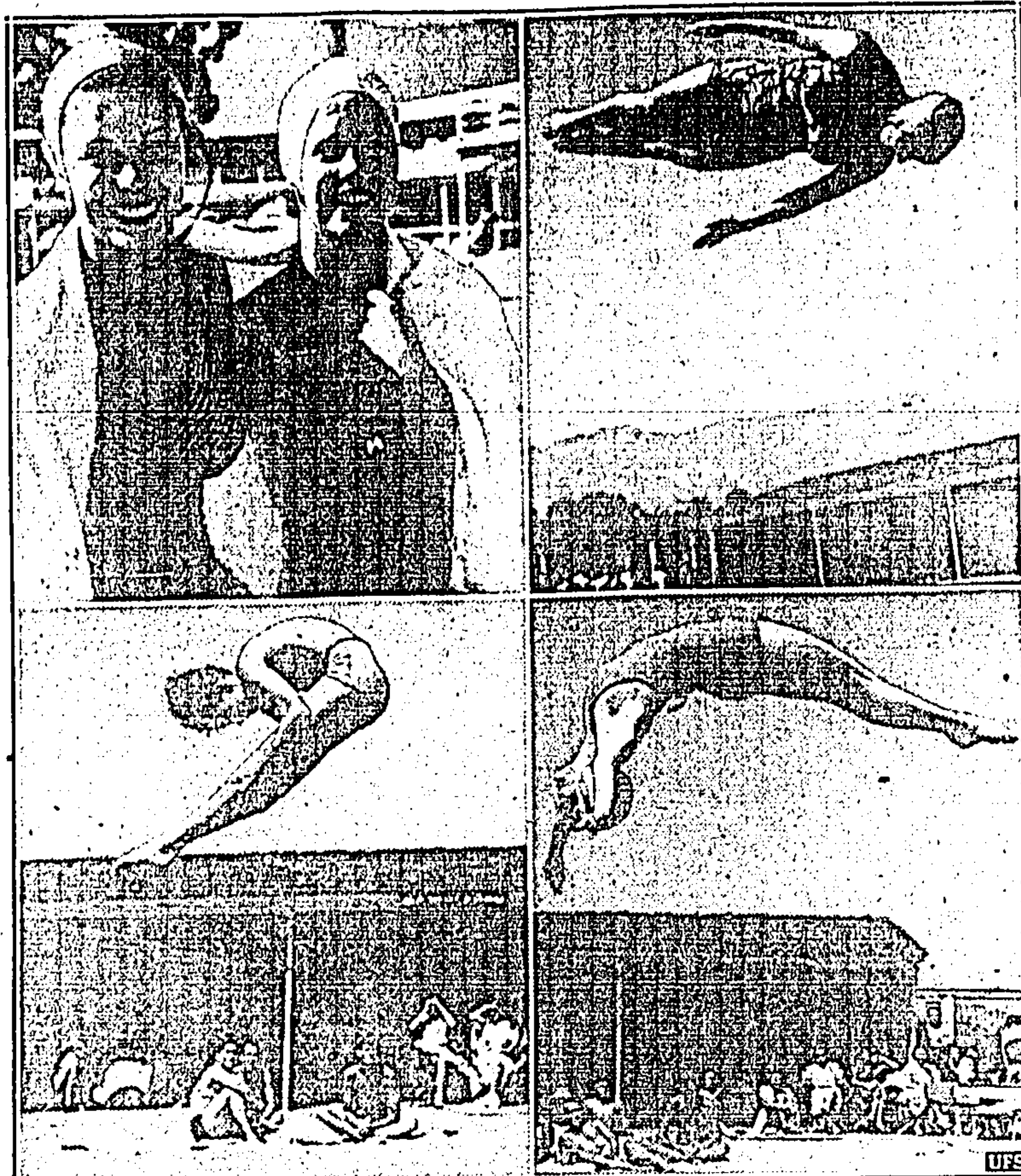
One-Sided Match

THE PERRY-JACK v. Rumjahn-Rumjahn match was one-sided, and at the half-way mark the Kowloon cricketers were leading 16-4. Highest end of the game was a 4 on the 8th end to the K.C.C. and the winners topped off their game with a 3 on the last head.

Scores were:

Perry & Jack 0, 4, 1, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 3=24

R.M. & R.M. Rumjahn 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 2, 0, 0=10



League Tennis

JEWISH R. C. WIN FIRST MATCH IN "D" DIVISION

RECORDING their first victory in the local tennis league since their entry two years ago, the Jewish Recreation Club triumphed over the Kowloon Indian T.C. by 7½-1½ at King's Park yesterday.

K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan (K.I.T.C.) drew with E. Whitcomb and A. Odell 6-6.

K. Singh and J. Singh (K.I.T.C.) lost to Godkin and Hamler 1-6.

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These are a few old pictures of American stars practicing for the 1940 Olympics in Finland which were cancelled. Top picture is of Ruth Jump and Marjorie Gestring, both of Los Angeles. Top right, Miss Jump does a half-twist, and lower right, Miss Gestring executes a back-dive. Lower left, Norman Spear Jr., then 14 and youngest member of the team, in the middle of a one-and-a-half from the low board.

H.K. Rifle Association Activities Curtailed

CURTAILMENT of most activities of the Hongkong Rifle Association was the general tone of the annual report of the Association which was delivered at the Annual General Meeting held yesterday.

The report showed a satisfactory year, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr G. J. P. Carey, said that although the Association continued to spend slightly more than its income, the position was really not as bad as it might seem because of the annual depreciation on the clubhouse, which had taken about \$762.

Lieut.-Col. R. D. Walker was re-elected President. On the suggestion of the Hon. Secretary, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde, a committee of four, with Major S. E. H. E. White as Chairman, was elected to look into the rules to see if any amendments were necessary. The Committee, besides Major White, comprised Inspector A. L. Hopkins (Police), Mr A. E. Evans and Capt. Ferringham, R.M. (Navy).

New Council

It was decided to re-elect the whole Council, any change to be delegated by the affiliated clubs.

Following were the officers elected for the ensuing year: President, Lieut.-Col. R. D. Walker; Vice-Presidents, Brig. T. McLeod, Brig. G. T. W. Reeve, Col. L. A. Newham, and Major S. E. H. E. White; Auditors, Messrs Percy Smith, Selby and Fleming; Hon. Secretary, Capt. C. H. R. Hyde; Hon. Treasurer, Mr G. J. P. Carey; Hon. Legal Adviser, Mr M. J. Abbott.

The report states in part: The Individual Membership on May 31, 1941 stood at 421, an increase of five over last year's figures, but owing to the War we sadly missed the majority of members belonging to the Senior Service. The number of affiliated Clubs was 11.

No N.R.A. Bales Meeting was held, and the "Junior Kolapore" and Junior MacKinnon Matches could not be completed for. Although it was not originally intended to enter for the N.R.A. Postal competition, it was found that entrance fees had been paid very early on in this year.

A team was therefore chosen and the competition was fired without any practice, a very good score being obtained. Although the registers have been received at home the results have not yet been notified out here.

Far East Trophy Match

In Far East Trophy match competition as the Association was the holder of the Cup, a team was entered and the competition fired in December last but, like the N.R.A. Overseas Postal, owing to a shortage of S.A.A. no practice was put in before hand.

As the Cup goes to the winner of the S.R. (b) Match, "Teaplight" rifle shooting, Singapore became the holders with a score of 702 as against Hongkong 730. However this order was reversed in the S.R. (a) competition "Open-sight" the scores being Hongkong 608, Singapore 632.

Spoon Shoots

Spoon and Practice Shoots had to be drastically curtailed. It was decided

ed that they could only be held twice a month on one Sunday and one Wednesday instead of every Wednesday as in previous years.

It was further decided that no shooting would be carried out with peep-sight rifles. This meant that all competitors were necessary regraded according to their ability with the S.R. (a) Rifle, and were divided into 4 Classes A, B, C and D according to Handicap.

The annual Prize Meeting, which again incorporated the Services Meeting, was held on the Army Ranges, Kowloon from April 1-3 inclusive and apart from the final day was most successful.

The winner of H.E. The Governor's Prize, Sgt F. E. Russell, of the Hongkong Police, is to be particularly congratulated for his consistent shooting at these long ranges under weather conditions which could not have been worse.

The Association is deeply grieved to hear that His Excellency the Governor will be shortly retiring owing to ill health. He has always shown such a keen interest in the Association's activities that his loss will be very keenly felt.

Gun Club Section.—As this is an costly sport to indulge in at the best of times, there was very little keenness shown this year and it was only postponed on the final Sunday Shoot when the Championships and Team Matches were fired. Headquarters China Command winning this latter competition for the second year in succession.

The Association very much regretted the departure of Major W. C. Newton. The Middlesex Regt. who for three years so ably organised and supported the activities of this section.

Mr A. F. Evans, I.A.F. is to be especially congratulated upon his success in reviving interest in Miniature Rifle Shooting. Special Competitions were thought out and incorporated in the Bales Meeting. They were a very great success.

Further strides in this sport have been made recently in the opening of a Postal League among all Units and Affiliated Clubs in the Colony. An Overseas Postal Match with the Combined Esmond and Collingwood Rifle Clubs of Melbourne Australia has also been instituted but has not as yet been fired.

Golf

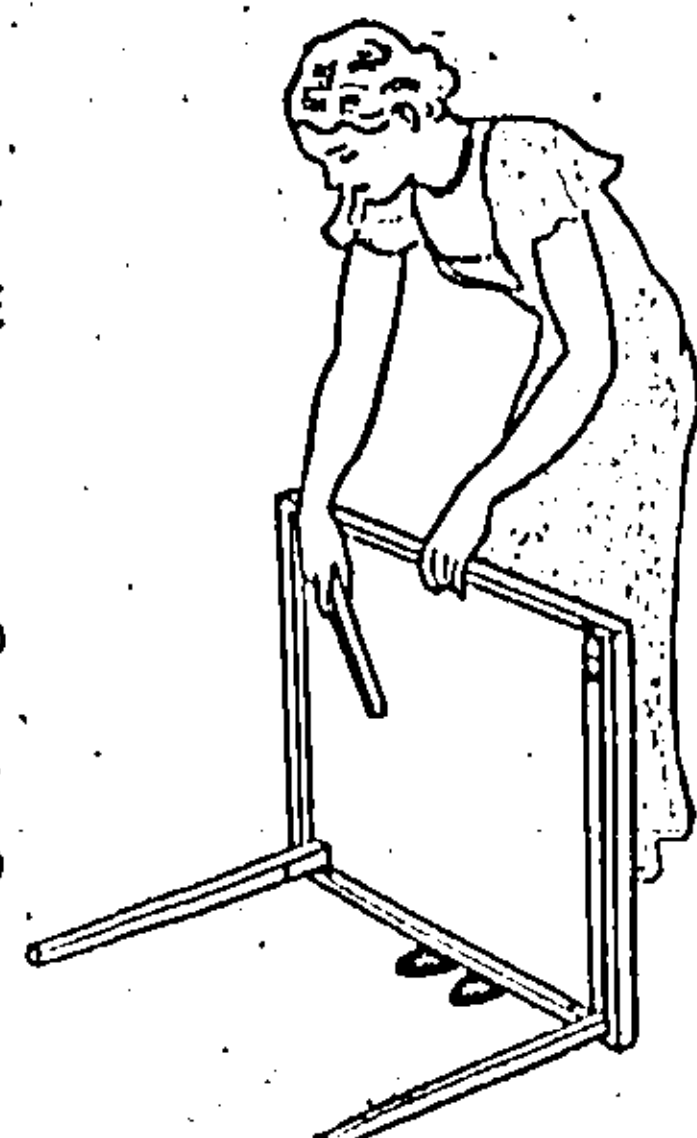
A. L. Powell Wins Summer Singles

A. L. Powell (18) defeated J. J. van Maalen (19) 4 and 2 in the final of the Summer Singles competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club.

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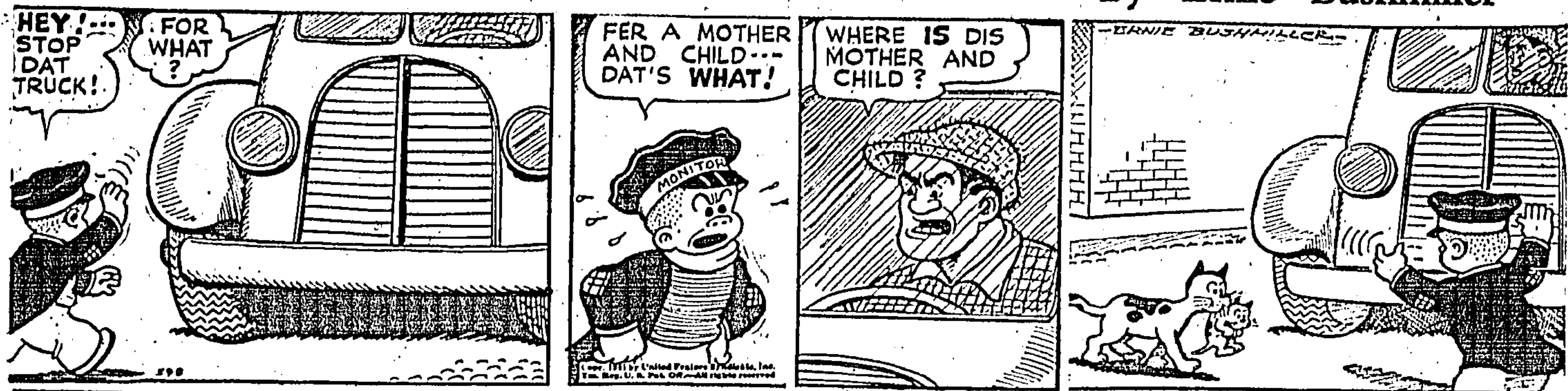


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Vocal—Olympia's Aria—The Doll's Song (Tales of Hoffmann) (Offenbach).
Milita Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra; Selection—"Mikado" (Sullivan).
Marek Weber and His Orchestra; Vocal—The Mounties (from film "Rose Marie").
Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra; Violin—Intermezzo (Souvenir de Vienne—Featured in the film "Escape to Happiness").
H. Provost. Otto Kyndel with Piano; Vocal—Rose Marie (from film "Rose Marie"—Harbach and others).
Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra; Band—Under the Double Eagle—March (Wagner).
Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Vocal—One Kiss (from film "New Moon"—Mandel and others).
Jeanette Macdonald (Soprano) with

Orchestra; Slow Fox-Trot—Poor Butterfly.
Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra; Vocal—Only Forever (from film "Rhythm on the River").
Turner Layton and his piano; Fox-Trot—Im Stepping Out With a Memory To-night.
Harry Roy and His Orchestra; Duet—Will You Remember? (from film "Maytime").
Jeanette Macdonald (Soprano) and Nelson Eddy (Baritone) with Orchestra; Rumba Fox-Trot—The Gaucho Serenade.
Ambrose and his orchestra; Vocal—Im My Merry Old Mobile (from film "Star Maker").
Bing Crosby assisted by the Music Males and orchestra; Fox-Trot—Down Argentine Way (from film "Down Argentine Way").
Oscar Rabin and His Band; Vocal—The Shabby Old Cabby.
Elsie Carlisle with orchestra; Quick-Step—The Woodpecker Song.
Joe Loss and his orchestra.
9.45-10.00 News in French (On Short Wave only).
10.00 London—News and News Commentary.
10.15 Compositions of Haydn with his Symphonies No. 101 in D Minor "The Clock".
Quartet in C Major (C Dur) Op. 1, No. 6... Pro Arte Quartet; "The Creation"—The Heavens are Telling... The Choir of Temple Church, London, and Thelma Ball (Organist and Director); Symphony No. 101 in D Minor (D Mol)—"The Clock".
Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by A. Toscanini.
11.00 London—"Makers of History".
Desmond MacCarthy on Florence Nightingale.
11.15 Close Down.

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—The Under Secretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, has issued a sharp note denouncing the Japanese move in Indo-China as a threat to the United States defence supplies in the Philippines. Mr. Welles told the press conference to-day that he had transmitted his views to Admiral Nomura, the Japanese Ambassador, when the latter visited the State Department yesterday, the text of which was as follows:

"It will be recalled that in 1940, the Japanese Government gave expression on several occasions of its desire that the conditions of disturbance should not spread to the Pacific region with special references to the Netherlands East Indies and French Indo-China.

"This desire was expressly concurred in by many other governments including the Government of the United States. Statements issued by this Government made it clear that any alteration in the existing status in such areas by other than peaceful processes could not but be prejudicial to the security and peace of the entire Pacific area, and that this conclusion was based on a doctrine which has universal application.

Under Duress

"On September 23, 1940, referring to events which were then rapidly happening in the Indo-China situation, the Secretary of State said it seemed obvious that the existing situation was being upset and that changes were being achieved under duress. The present developments relating to Indo-China provide a clear indication that other changes are now being effected under duress.

Expansion By Force

"The present unfortunate situation in which the French Government at Vichy and the French Government

Britain's War Time Larder

LONDON, July 24 (British Wireless).—Opening the debate on the supply vote for the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. R. S. Hudson, gave an interesting survey of the position of food production in Britain.

He said that it is now reasonably sure that farmers would produce a greater food output than in any previous year in the present century.

As a result of heavy losses in the Battle of the Atlantic and elsewhere, the total amount of food and feeding stuffs that would be received from overseas was bound to be lower than in the second year. In spite of considerable reduction, it should be possible to assure the people of this country that in the third year of war, the quantity of food expressed in terms of food value would be sufficient.

Dealing with the milk supply, Mr. Hudson revealed that consumption by the public was now greater than before the war.

Women On Land

Mr. Hudson said that 3,500 women workers had been placed on farms in the last two months. Volunteers were coming forward at a rate of five to six hundred a week, but thousands more were wanted.

Land reclamation was proceeding and in the last two years, agricultural committees had taken over 150,000 acres of uncultivated or badly cultivated land and in many cases it was land which had never been cultivated.

A further two million acres would be added during the year to the two million already under the plough. "If the war goes on, we shall gradually take the plough right round England," he added.

Netherlands Look To Defences

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—The Dutch East Indies, whose oil may be one of the prizes sought by the Japanese in their threatened southward expansion, are taking no chances.

Throughout the archipelago—all points of military importance, including oil fields and harbours, have been closed to foreigners and placed under guard. Batavia dispatch to the Free Dutch newspaper, "Vrij Nederland," published in London.

The Home Guard is to be concentrated for the protection of oil fields. Thousands of women have been registered for war service.

Six hundred thousand natives will be called up under the conscription plan this year.

AIR EPIC FROM SOVIET FRONT

MOSCOW, July 24 (Reuter).—The latest Soviet air hero is Sergeant Pilot Tomlin who, single-handed, tackled ten German planes.

Eight Nazi JU88 bombers, escorted by two Messerschmitt fighters, were approaching a Soviet aerodrome. Tomlin flew into battle. He poured machine-gun bullets into the Nazi bombers.

One of the Messerschmitts and all the bombers fled. Tomlin desperately hung on to the tail of the remaining Messerschmitt, getting nearer and nearer. In despair the Nazi pilot turned his plane over and it fell to the ground.

Wavell In Chungking, Report Denied

LONDON, July 24 (UP).—The reported arrival of General Sir Archibald Wavell at Chungking has been officially denied.

Changkufeng Clash Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" SHANGHAI, July 25 (UP).—Colonel Akiyama, the Japanese Army spokesman, to-day officially denied that there has been a clash at Changkufeng.

Hard To Believe A Japanese Embassy spokesman claimed that he had not heard the reports of a Russo-Japanese clash at Changkufeng; and added "I cannot believe it."

Funds For America's Fighting Forces

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, July 24 (UP).—The House to-day received the \$8,063,235,478 supplemental defence appropriation bill carrying funds for supplying the Army with material for a 3,000,000 strong fighting force and 541 new merchant ships.

It also carries funds to expand the Navy's personnel from 250,000 to 369,000 officers and men.

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Two Ships A Day From U.S. Yards Next Year

WASHINGTON, July 24 (Reuter).—A new outlay of \$8,063,000,000 for the U.S. Army, Navy and Maritime Commission, including funds to accelerate merchant shipping construction of two vessels daily by early next year has been recommended to the House of Representatives by its Appropriations Committee to-day.

Of this total, \$4,760,000,000 would go to the Army, providing equipment and maintenance for a land force of 1,727,000 men which is 309,000 more than the present strength. It would also include "critical items" for an army of 3,000,000 men.

If the appropriation is approved, it would swell to a high record of \$15,328,000,000 the funds made available to the Army for the fiscal year which opened on July 1.

The Committee recommended \$1,098,000,000 in cash and contractual authority for permitting the construction of 541 freighters. This would also finance the acquisition of 350 others to meet the serious shortage of ships created at least partially by the Lease and Lend programme.

Chartered To Britain

Maritime Commission officials told the Committee in testimony published to-day that 100 American merchant ships had been or shortly would be withdrawn from domestic service and chartered to Britain for the Red Sea service.

The officials reported that already 2,300,000 tons of shipping had been transferred to Lease and Lend-traffic in the North Atlantic.

The Committee said an encouraging note was the testimony of the Maritime Commission that deliveries on the construction of new ships, now making a rate of two vessels a week, would be increased up to one daily by November and two daily by January or February.

Ultimate Tonnage

"Every effort should be made to build every ship that can possibly be produced in this country," the Committee said.

On the completion of the present programme, the United States merchant marine would be increased from the present 10,000,000 tons to 16,712,000 tons, the Committee added.

The Committee explained that the Army's share of the funds provided for one year's maintenance on the combat status of an air force of 83 groups instead of 54 groups planned at present.

The increase of the Army's manpower would consist of 152,000 men needed in connection with an expanded training programme of 30,000 pilots and an additional 157,000 men needed for new units being created in this fiscal year.

Out of the Army's funds \$3,409,000,000 would finance the acquisition of huge ammunition reserves and a place for storage. This sum would also permit a vast increase in the number of tanks, anti-tank guns and other artillery equipment.

The Navy will receive \$1,569,000,000, including funds for increasing the enlisted strength from 250,000 to 369,000 men in order to provide crews for the expanding fleet and to

increase the Marines from 40,000 to 75,000 men.

Naval funds also include \$300,000,000 for the construction and improvement of shore bases, many of which are on outlying islands.

Another \$300,000,000 is for expanding naval ship-building facilities and \$100,000,000 is earmarked for additional ship repair facilities.

The Committee has effected reductions amounting to \$9,250,000 in the budget estimates, chiefly generalised minor cuts of naval items.

An additional \$5,000,000 is provided for mosquito fleets and other small craft but details in this connection are kept secret.

Patterson's Pool

Mr. Robert Patterson, Under-Secretary for War, told the Committee that the Army request for \$1,300,000,000 for ordnance weapons was made in order to "form a pool of items which will be needed, we are quite sure, as things get more serious or if we go into actual conflict."

"I think that we would all be blind to what is going on abroad if we did not recognise that protection against aircraft in the shape of anti-aircraft weapons and mechanisation in the shape of tanks and protection against tanks, will be the items most urgently needed by the Army."

Signalling Apparatus

Army Chief Signal Officer Major General Mauborgne, told the Committee of plans to procure secret equipment "urgently required by the United States at the earliest moment by the Air Force Combat Command, coast artillery and the Signal Corps."

The items are being listed as "installation and rehabilitation of radio stations."

Major General Mauborgne said that the equipment was needed to "give greater protection along the coast than was originally proposed."

An additional \$349,000,000 is requested for equipment.

The Committee was also told about plans for the purchase of army searchlights and also that experiments are being made with an electrical torpedo for the Navy and that the Navy is developing a new mine material.

The Navy requests \$340,000 for additional members for the Intelligence Staff.

Observer At Dakar

One item of \$1,800 is for the maintenance of an observer at Dakar, the French West African port.

It was disclosed that the Navy Department has prepared plans for naval censorship of all outgoing cables.

Congress is to be asked soon to legislate on the subject.

It was also revealed that the Navy was prepared to organise two balloon barrage squadrons, comprising 150 balloons for the protection of Fleet bases and has planned to have 21 additional patrol-type airships.

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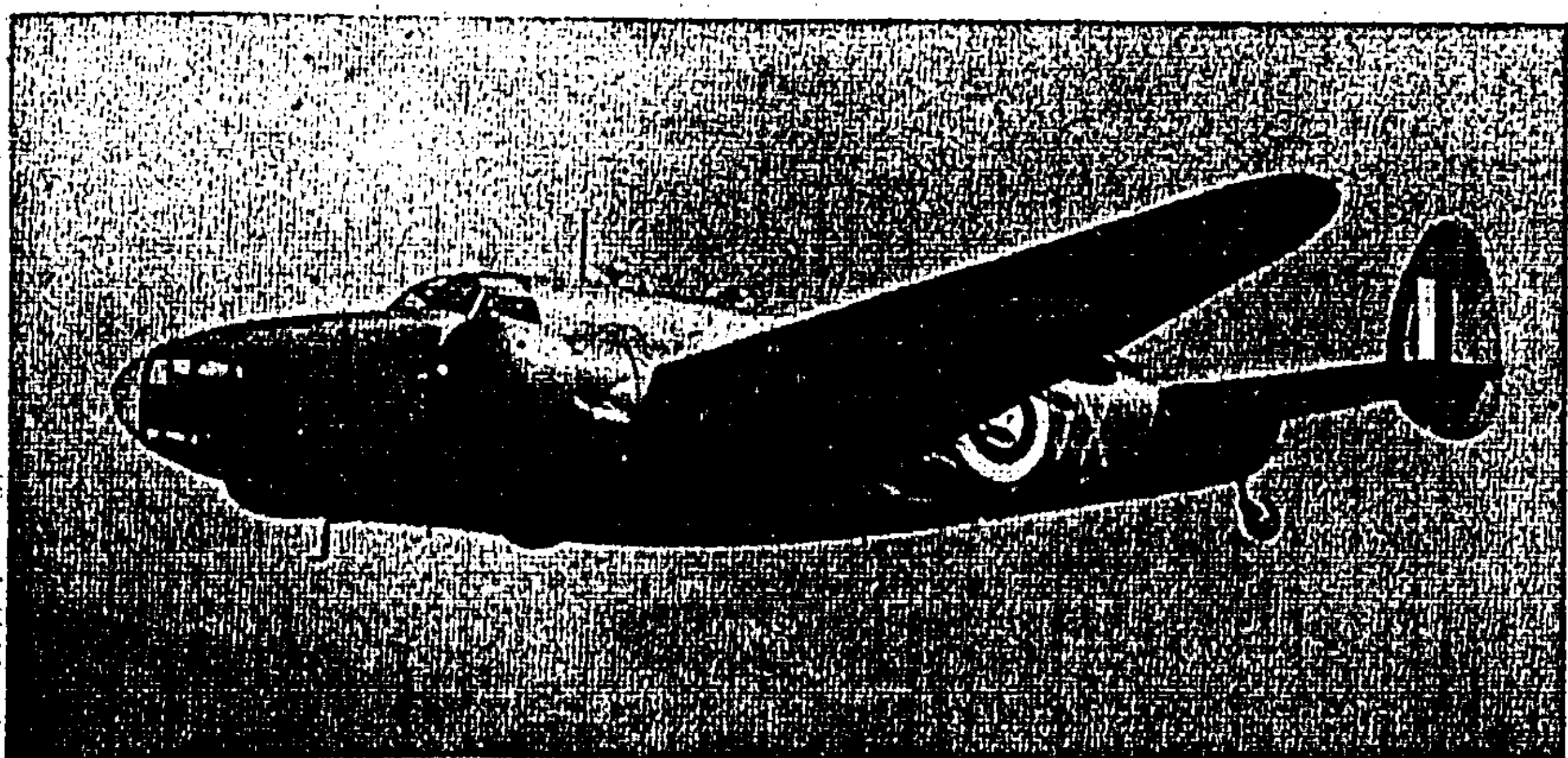
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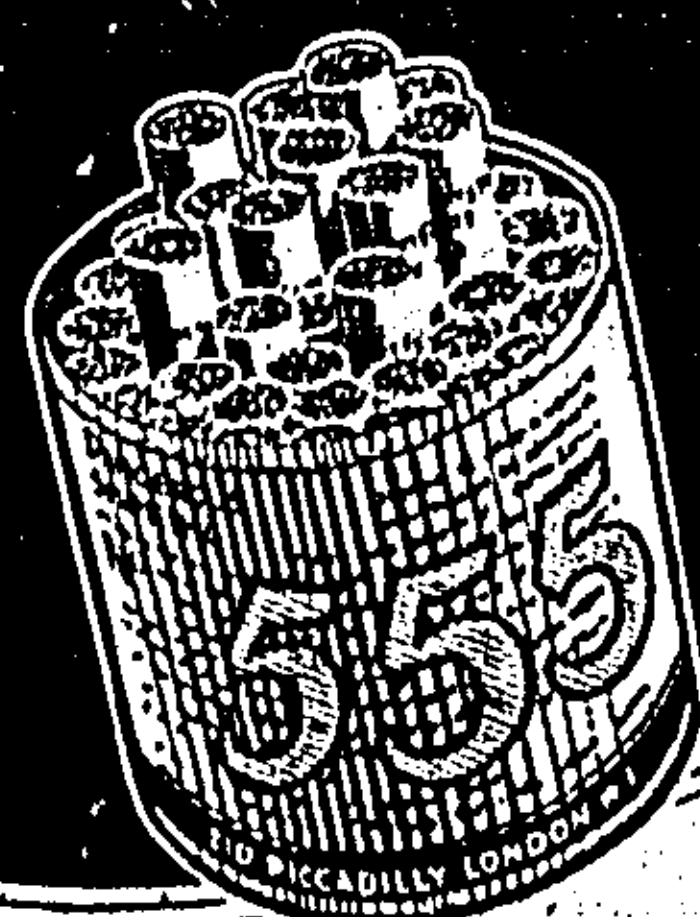


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Soviets Urge British Invasion

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to have greater confidence in the determination of President Roosevelt than in the State, War or Navy Departments to give rapid and effective assistance in the delivery of urgently needed supplies.

Disappointed

Moscow advices indicate dissatisfaction, however, over the prospects of obtaining British armaments which the British Government apparently believes cannot be spared. Moscow is showing disappointment at the objections raised in the British press and elsewhere to a British expedition to the Continent.

The Russians declare that their drive on East Prussia in 1914, although ultimately repelled, contributed greatly to the defeat of Germany and they evidently believe that even though involving obvious heavy risks, a British landing on the Continent would create a diversion on the eastern front which might, in the long run, prove decisive.

German Claims

BERLIN, July 24 (UP).—The secret of battles for the destruction of the Soviet armies who are trapped in the great pockets behind the main eastern front continued unabated today according to reports published here.

The High Command communique which merely stated that the operations were proceeding according to plan, did not claim a German advance but admitted that there was fierce Soviet resistance at various points.

Official news agency dispatches, however, gave some details of the struggles in which the Germans are attempting to smash in and destroy the huge pockets which are now, apparently to a certain extent, holding up the advance. It claims that German troops on Tuesday further "mopped up" the area around Mogilev which is at least 80 miles behind the furthest German advance beyond Smolensk.

The report says that after breaking the local resistance, 5,000 prisoners were taken as well as arms and equipment of a whole Soviet division. Another dispatch claimed the destruction of another pocket near Revel which was completed nearly 150 miles northwest of Smolensk.

More Nazi Claims

BERLIN, July 24 (UP).—Informed German circles today stated that eastward of Zhitomir, which is on the main highway to Kiev, all Soviet resistance was broken on Wednesday when two German storm battalions broke into the "last remnants of the Stalin Line" and the following for miles rolled up the field fortifications from the flank along a nine kilometer front.

On Thursday morning, the German artillery laid down a heavy barrage in the break-through sector while pioneers attacked the last pill boxes and machine-gun nests with flame throwers and high explosives. Numerous cannon, automatic weapons and 280 prisoners were captured, but the pill box crews are claimed to be dead.

On the south front, the Germans continue pushing the Soviet forces "through cities and villages" which the Bolsheviks set fire to during their precarious retreat.

Indo-China Parleys Continue

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the two Powers can co-ordinate their efforts to protect Indo China against invasion, and on what basis privileges will be given to Japan under the agreement.

Tokyo Conference

TOKYO, July 24 (UP).—The Counsellor of the French Embassy, Baron Guy Fain today conferred with the acting Foreign Vice-Minister, Mr. Yamamoto for twenty minutes; however, the details were not divulged.

The Singapore correspondent of the "Yomiuri Shinbun" states that Indo-China authorities, since July 19, have banned the departure of French registered merchantmen.

Japan's Initiative

VICHY, July 24 (UP).—Asked whether Japan had initiated the negotiations over Indo China, a Government spokesman stated "certainly Japan took the initiative because we accepted Japan's explanation of the situation and because Japan informed us of the menace weighing against Indo China."

York Supports Canterbury's Recent Speech

LONDON, July 24 (British Wireless).—The German attack on Russia has not altered the moral duty of overthrowing the Nazi regime, writes the Archbishop of York.

"There is a great deal in the present order in Russia which no Christian can approve. Personally I have always thought that Bolshevism is preferable to Nazism because its goal of universal fellowship is part of Christian hope though its methods of trying to reach its goal is in my judgment bound to frustrate its own object."

"The goal of Nazism is itself flatly un-Christian."

MOSCOW REPELS RAIDERS

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as the Soviet artillery kept the Germans at a respectable distance which resulted in inaccurate marksmanship.

Many bombs obviously intended for important buildings fell on dwelling houses, in the streets, courtyards and squares.

Northern Sector

HELSINKI, July 24 (Reuter).—The enemy bombed the surroundings of Turku on Wednesday, according to a communique issued here today. The communique adds: "To-day they bombed the southwest parts of the country. Only small damage was done. An attempt to bomb Helsinki failed. Five enemy planes were destroyed."

Glided To Safety Across Channel

LONDON, July 24 (British Wireless).—While accompanying bombers on a raid over Northern France yesterday, a Sergeant Pilot of a Spitfire was attacked by a Messerschmitt. As he turned to return the fire, his engine was disabled by an enemy bullet and "cut off," says the Air Ministry.

The Sergeant was then well inside France and 20,000 feet up. Although he could not see the English coast because of haze and cloud, he turned round and started to glide home. Losing height gradually and expecting any minute to be pounced on by Messerschmitts, he glided on with his air screw stationary. At last the English coast came in sight and for minutes he wondered if he would have height enough to reach it. He cleared the cliffs of Beachy Head with a few hundred feet to spare and made a forced landing a mile inland.

LATE NEWS

DIRECT HIT ON SCHARNHORST

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was intercepted by a number of Messerschmitt 109 fighters. Two of these were destroyed by one Stirling.

Night Follow-Up

This attack was followed up during the night by a strong attack on La Pallice by a force of heavy bombers.

At 2 p.m. today (Thursday) a very strong force of heavy bombers developed simultaneously attacks upon the Guelmen at Brest and upon the Scharnhorst at La Pallice. The attack on Brest was supported by squadrons of fighters.

At the same time squadrons of Blenheims escorted by fighters were attacking the port of Cherbourg.

Preliminary Reports

The preliminary reports of the operations last night and to-day indicate that these attacks were successful, several direct hits having been scored on the battleships and heavy damage done to the docks at all three ports. This afternoon a Blenheim aircraft of the Coastal Command escorted by fighters bombed the railway yards at Hazebrouck in Northern France.

Fighter escorts taking part in these operations have had many combats with enemy fighters. In these, twelve enemy fighters have been destroyed for the loss of six of ours.

Fierce Fires

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Releasing a cargo of high explosive and incendiary bombs that caused fierce fires in railway yards at Hazebrouck, Northern France, this afternoon, Blenheim bombers of the Coastal Command completed their attack in three minutes, states the Air Ministry.

It was the first time that Coastal Command bombers had taken part in sweeps over France and their fighting escort guarded them so well that they made the attack with the precision of bombing practice, signalling the letter "V" in Morse as they neared their target.

One of the Blenheim pilots said that the work of the escorting fighters was grand and that not a single German fighter got anywhere near them.

Industrial Targets

LONDON, July 24 (Reuter).—Industrial objectives in cities in France and Mannheim were again attacked by aircraft of the Bomber Command last night, says the Air Ministry. Particularly large fires were seen in Mannheim.

Docks at Le Havre and Ostend were also bombed. Aircraft of the Coastal Command on patrol off the Norwegian coast set an enemy supply ship afire and destroyed an enemy fighter.

No aircraft is missing from these operations.

It is now known that the enemy lost two bombers in raids on this country last night.

Early this morning another enemy bomber was shot down in the Isle of Wight by A.A. gun-fire.

Five Burning Junks

Five burning derelict junks were reported to be drifting in a position approximately two miles to the south of Lintin Island in Latitude 22° 22' North, Longitude 113° 48' East yesterday.

CHUNGKING, July 24 (Central News).—The Government is expecting to obtain 12 million piculs of rice from Szechwan alone this year, partly from the Land Tax to be collected in kind and partly from the flotation of food bonds.

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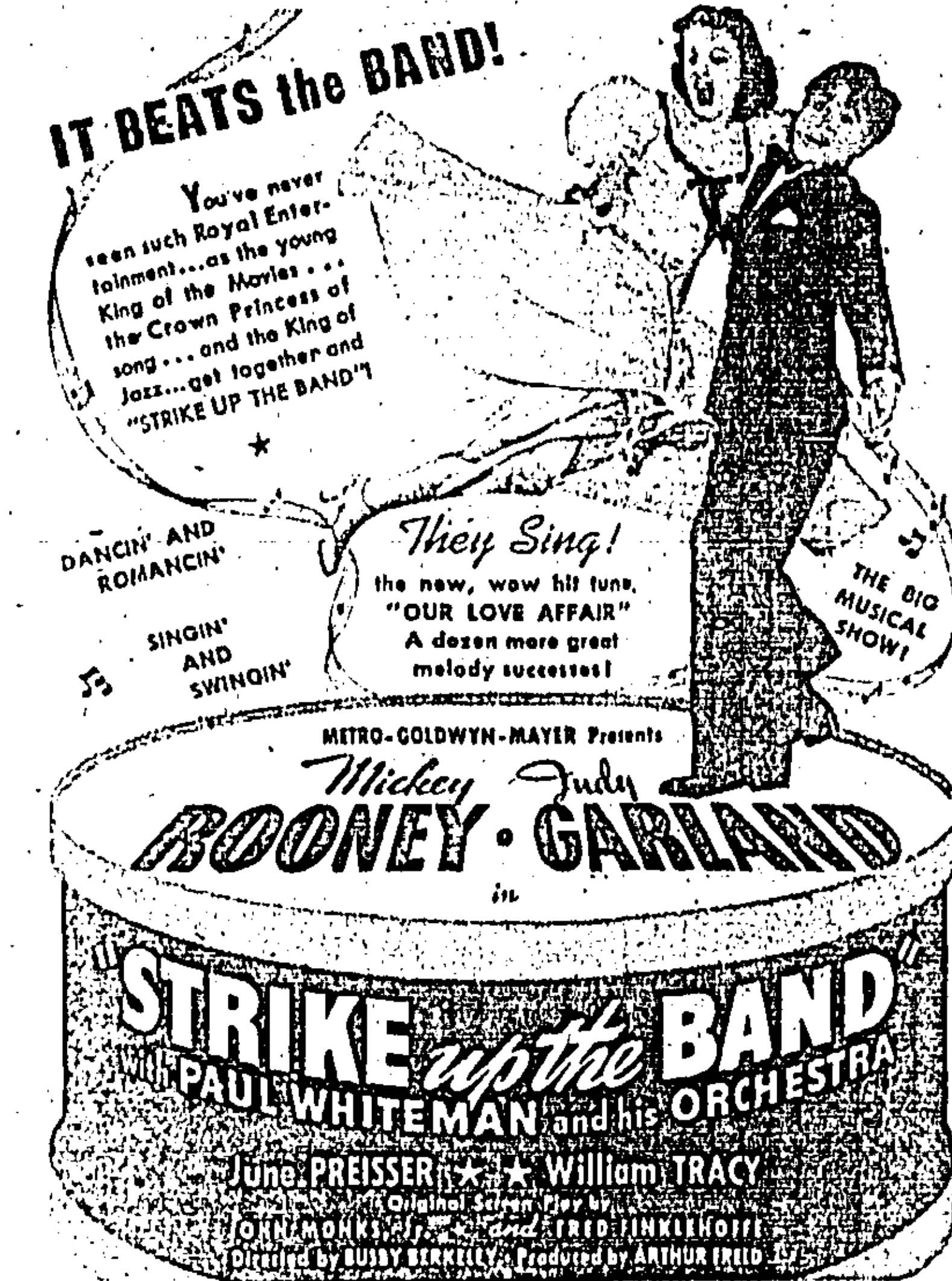
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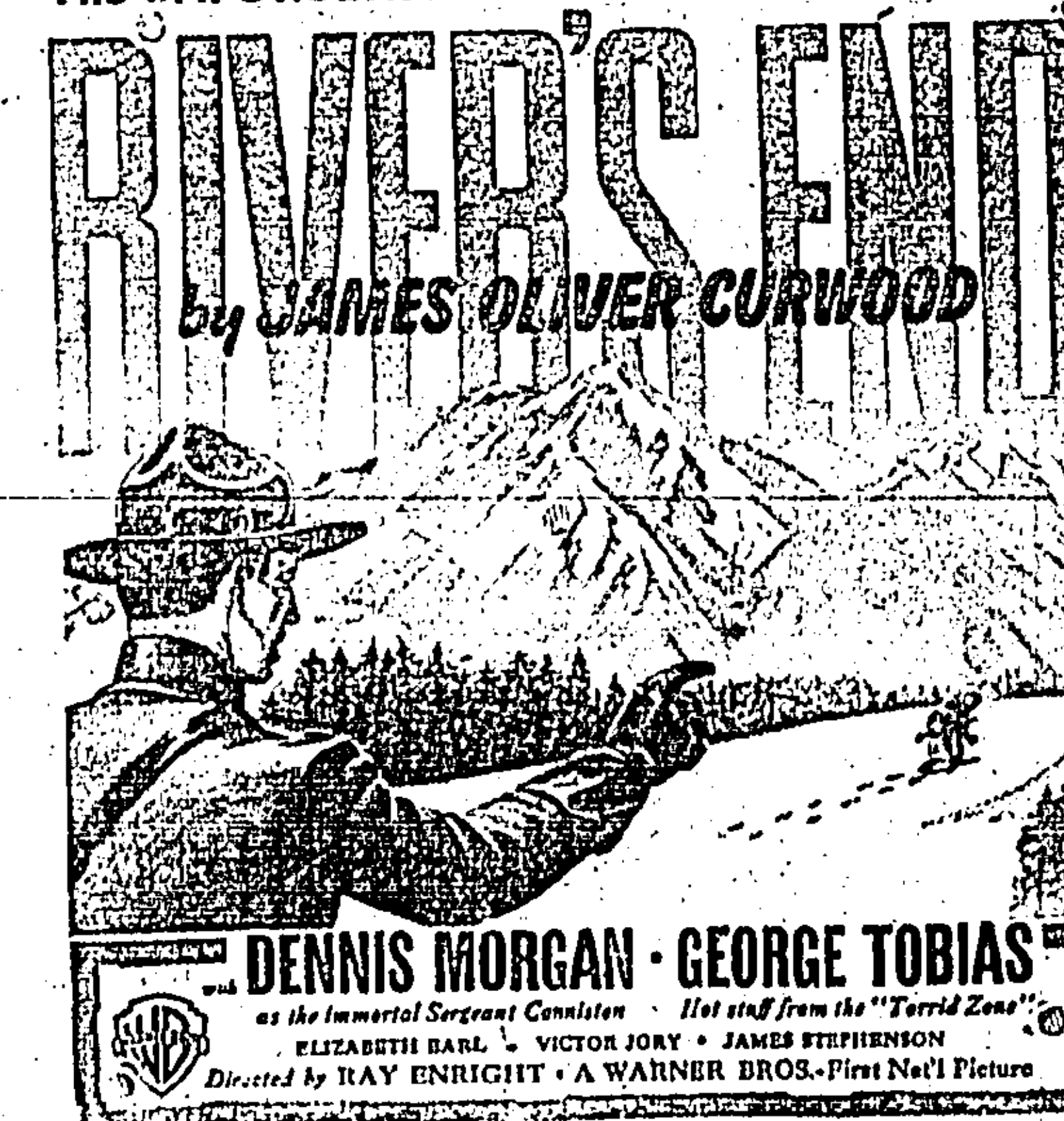
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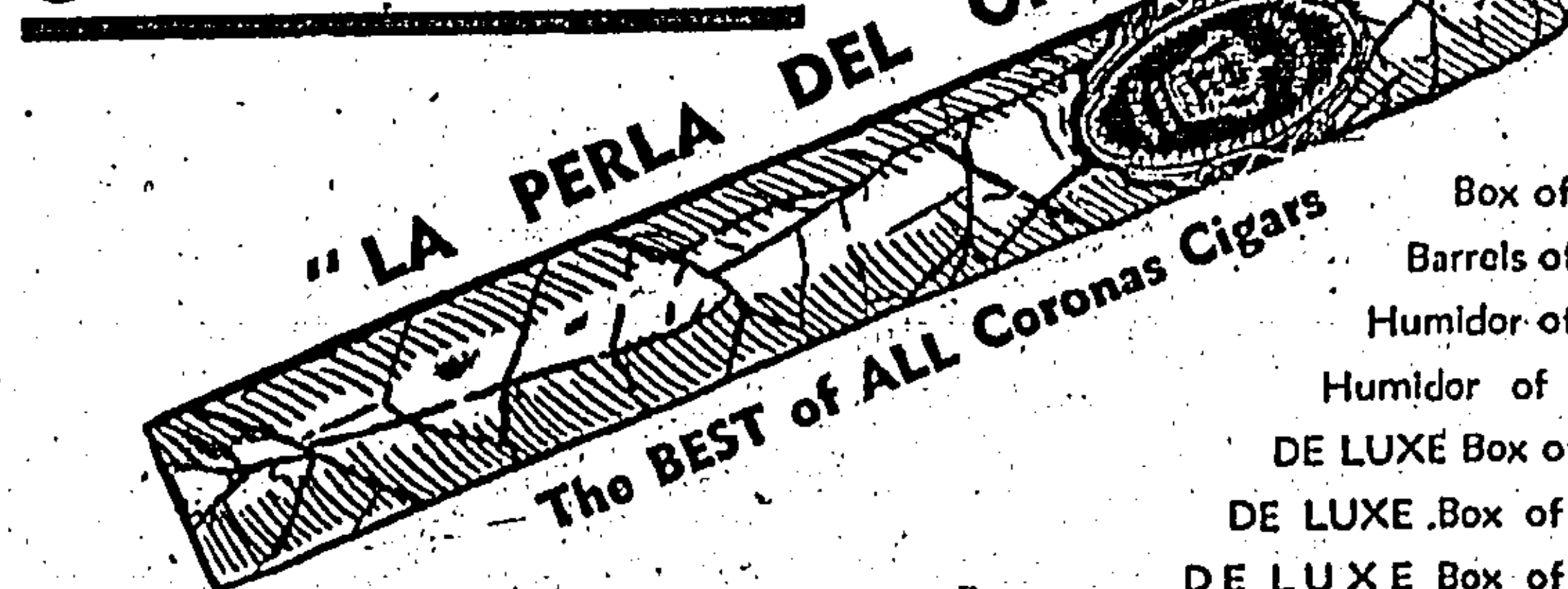
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